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ERRATA.

On page 3, for "W. F. Livock" read "W. T. Livock"; also on pp. 21, 22, 24, 29.

Page 6, last line, for "severally" read "severely".
" 7, line 13, for "have been" read "were".
" " line 29, for "$8528.00" read "$8428.00".
" 9, line 30, for "is" read "was".
" 13, line 30, for "$506.37½" read "$503.37½".
" 16, line 16, for "$20.00" read "$20.25".
" 18, line 10, for "the similar" read "a similar".
" 21, line 34, for total shares "372" read "379".
" " line 33, for "Columbia Chapter No." read "Columbia Chapter, No. 120, R. S."
" 23, line 28, for "amalgamations" read "amalgamation".
" " line 29, for "occur" read "accrue".
" 25, line 25, for "nominated" read "elected".
" 29, lines 11, 39, for "J.McKerney" read "J.McNerney".
" " line 22, for "Master Masters" read "Master Masons."
" " line 41, for "M.J.Maslen" read "W.J.Maslen".
" 31, line 20, for "Master Masters" read "MasterMasons".
" " line 9, after "held on the" add "first Saturday".
" 33, line 7, for "J.G.Jaquus" read "J.G.Jaques".
" 35, line 32, for "Corinthan" read "Corinthian".
" 36, line 3, for "District" read "Deputy".
" " line 23, for "promoted to" read "promoters of ".
" 40, line 35, for "P.S.G.M." read "P.S.G.W."
" " line 37, after word "Works" insert "Bro. Trounce introduced Bro.Teague, the Architect, who presented".
" " line 37, erase the words "advanced and handed to".
" 41, line 2, for "Mr. Wraight" read "Bro. Wraight".
" " line 8, for "Superintendent's" read "Architect's".
" " line 31, after "destruction" read "and misery".
" 42, line 30, for "illustrated" read "illustrious".
" " line 30, for "we" read "will".
" 44, line 7, after "offerings" insert "depending, and after "alone" add "on these".
" " line 12, after "necessity of" insert the word "serving".
" " line 33, leave out the word "fear".
" 45, line 27, for "them" read "us".
" " line 31, for "earth and surface" read "earth's surface".
" 48, line 36, for "Edward Crow Baker" read "Edgar Crow Baker, S.W. No. 1, (Hon. Sec.)"
" 60, line 21, for "discret" read "discreet".
" 64, line 13, for "cape" read "cope".
" " line 15, for "backbitting" read "backbiting".
" 75, line 31, for "appointed" read "elected".

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

Seventh Annual Communication.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia commenced its Seventh Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878, at 2 P.M.

Upon calling the Roll there were found to be present the following

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·.W.·.Bro.	Fred'k Williams	Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. "	E. Harrison	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	J. G. Vinter	Senior Grand Warden.
" "	C. M. Chambers	Junior Grand Warden.
V.·.W.·. "	M. W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
" "	Eli Harrison, Jr.	Grand Secretary.
" "	H. H. Mogg	Grand Chaplain,
W.·. "	J. Brown	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	G. J. Clark	Grand Junior Deacon.
" "	Thos. Trounce	Grand Superintend't of W'ks.
" "	Thomas Shotbolt	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	W. F. Livock	Grand Marshal.
" "	J. Andrews	Grand Organist.
" "	J. S. Clute	Grand Stewards.
" "	M. Coates	
" "	T. R. Mitchell	
" "	P. J. Hall	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

R.·.W.·.J. F. McCreight.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" W. Dalby..... " Senior Grand Warden.
" C. Thorne..... " Senior Grand Warden.
" J. Nutt..... " Senior Grand Warden.
" H. F. Heisterman..... " Grand Secretary.
" C. M. Chambers..... " Grand Secretary.

With the Representatives of six chartered Lodges.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Louisiana, West Virginia, New Jersey, New Brunswick, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Florida, Manitoba and Utah.

The M.W. the Grand Master filled the vacant offices by the following appointments, *pro tempore*, viz:

W.·. I Raggazoni.....Grand Sword Bearer.
" F. Neufelder.....Grand Standard Bearer.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer by V.W. the Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. Grand Master announced the following Committee on Credentials:

R.·.W.·. J. Gordon Vinter,
W.·. T. R. Mitchell,
W.·. R. B. McMicking,
V.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment, to allow the Committee on Credentials an opportunity of reporting.

The Grand Lodge being called to labor again V.W. Eli Harrison, Jr., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that—

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, is fully represented.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, is fully represented.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, is represented by Bros. A. Mayer, for W.M., Bro. A. Horne, for S.W., and Bro. Wm. McCulloch, for J.W.

Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, is represented by the W.M., Bro. A. E. B. Davie, for Senior Warden, Bro. F. Neufelder, for Junior Warden.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, is represented by V.W. M. W. Waitt, as W.M., R.W. Coote M. Chambers, as Senior Warden and V.W. Eli Harrison, Jr., as Junior Warden.

Union Lodge, No. 9, is represented by W. Bro. J. S. Clute.

The proxies for Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, and Union Lodge, No. 9, are not duplicated as Constitution requires.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. R. MITCHELL,
R. B. McMICKING,
E. HARRISON, Jr.,
J. GORDON VINTER,
Committee.

On motion the Report was received and the Rule as to duplicate proxies was suspended, so as to admit of the proxies of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3 and Union Lodge, No. 9, and all the Representatives mentioned in the report were admitted to seats and the Committee discharged.

The Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Communication held on the 17th and 19th days of February, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877, which on motion, were confirmed.

On motion, the usual courtesies were extended to all Master Masons in good standing.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :—Since our last convocation another year has come and gone, its events belong to the past, the hopes it awakened, the sorrows it produced, the joys it brought, the tears it started and dried, are swept from us forever.

It is pleasing to look back to time past, and advantageous, if we apply knowledge gained to the duties and labours of life.

Our noble order has a long and glorious history, its unwritten pages excite the most glowing memories to which the heart of humanity can cling, down to the obscure ages its record is as a track of light, where brethren have walked together in harmony and felt the genial warmth of kindly sympathies; the strong arm of brotherhood has been a shield to those of the Craft who have lived before us, and its achievements have been great blessings to our race.

As every year adds to the history of the past, and every event affords a moral, so may our reflections and experience, properly applied, open up new

channels by which to approach unobtrusively the abodes of want, and add to a general human happiness.

Coming together with such views, and animated by the prospects of that great pleasure, believed to be within the reach of human achievement, let us then earnestly seek, with one heart and purpose, to devise the best calculated means to forward the grand object of our Fraternity.

After the successive changes of a season, it is becoming that we should return thanks to Him who controls the destinies of men, and of all that men devise, for the health and happiness which we have enjoyed, and for the prosperity which has attended our beloved order, and for the Province in general, to His providence we owe our lives, as well as the means of rendering those lives useful; by his favor we have been protected from danger, disease and death, and are permitted once more to assemble in peace and brotherhood. Our grateful acknowledgements are justly due, and we should zealously offer them for those blessings so bounteously bestowed upon Masonry and its votaries.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Among the blessings acknowledged I am permitted to congratulate you upon the general exemption of our members from death, still some of our members have been called by the fiat of our Supreme Ruler to their last account. We are especially called to mourn the loss of our distinguished and worthy brother Past Grand Master Robert Burnaby, who departed this life on the 12th of January, 1878, in Leicester, England, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. Grief and mourning fill our hearts. His life had been devoted to the happiness of his fellow men, and he died as he had lived, an Honored Member of an Order which he loved. May he be admitted to that fullness of joy where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. I would recommend that a special memorial page in our next Grand Lodge Proceedings be dedicated to our eminent Brother.

It gives me great pleasure that I am again permitted to congratulate you upon the general harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this Province, and especially in this city, since the amalgamation of the four lodges into two, which the brethren of these lodges consummated after careful and mature deliberation, in which I concurred, as in my opinion I thought it would be for the good of the Order in reconciling conflicting interests.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and British Columbia, No. 5, as you are aware, united under the name of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1. By request I visited this Lodge and installed their officers on the evening of the 3rd of April, 1877.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, and Quadra Lodge, No. 8, also united under the name of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, which I also visited by request on the 16th of May, and installed their officers.

I consider that these Lodges have a brighter and happier prospect before them in thus uniting, and I am glad to add that through the unity of action brought about by the brethren, I have been enabled, in conjunction with the Board of General Purposes, to advance towards perfection that great want which existed in this city, a Masonic Temple of their own,—a want severally

felt by the Craft, it having caused a great drain on the Fraternity in shape of rent, paid to the amount of from fourteen to fifteen thousand dollars, besides other great inconveniences.

I believe at about the first meeting of the Board of General Purposes in 1877, we discussed the subject of erecting a Masonic Temple which should be a credit to the Fraternity, and thereby stop the drain on our resources. The Board being composed of practical business men, we commenced work in the matter at once by getting up a prospectus for a Building Association with 500 shares at $20 per share, so as to realize the sum of $10,000. Shares were to be sold to none but members of the Order. I am happy to inform you that the Brethren responded thereto with a will, and in consequence two full-sized city lots on the corner of Douglas and Fisguard Streets, measuring 120 feet each way, have been purchased in July, 1877, at the price of $1,750, which is a low figure for that property. The same was deeded to the Grand Master for the time being, in trust for the Fraternity, but it is now conveyed to the Order by a trust deed.

On the 30th of August, 1877, the preparation of plans for a Masonic Temple was given to Brothers Trounce and Teague in competition. On the 20th of October, 1877, these plans were submitted. That of Brother Teague was accepted, and he was instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain tenders for the erection of the building. On the 22nd of December, 1877, the tenders were received and opened by the Board of General Purposes. the following were accepted, viz:—

W. E. Wraight, stone and brickwork	$4,500 00
John Bennett, carpenter work	2,600 00
D. Heal, tinwork	900 00
J. Spratt, ironwork	100 00
T. R. Mitchell, painting	328 00
Making a Total for the Building of	$8,528 00

The Architect, Brother Teague, has been directed to enter into contract with the above parties for the erection of the Masonic Temple.

This building will be of the most substantial character, built of brick with free stone trimmings, measuring 49 feet x 67 feet.

The ground floor contains two handsome stores, size respectively 30 feet x 42 feet and 22 x 46 feet, the main entrance hall 15 feet x 22 feet to the first floor, an office for the Grand Secretary and Board of General Purposes, also a large fire-proof safe for Masonic records.

The first floor contains the Lodge Room 30 feet x 57 feet, height of ceiling 27 feet 6 inches; Ante-room 15 x 20, Library 15 x 14; Examination Room and Robing Room for Grand Officers, 10 feet x 10 feet 6 inches; Preparation Room 7 feet x 15 feet; besides which there are rooms for Grand Lodge Regalia, Chapter Regalia and Lodge Regalia, etc., etc.

The building is replete with all the modern requirements such as gas, water, and is well ventilated.

It is anticipated that everything will be in readiness to lay the corner

stone some time in March, 1878, (of which due notice will be given) that the Temple will be finished to be formally dedicated on the 24th of June, 1878, St. John's Day, and I trust there will be such interest taken as will be productive of the best results to the Fraternity in the far West.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Our fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges remain undisturbed, entirely agreeable, and Masonic.

During the past year I have appointed the following Representatives of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia near foreign Grand Lodges: V.·.W.·. Brother F. R. Despard, Canada; V.·.W.·. Brother A. McNee, Manitoba; W.·. Brother Livingstone W. Bethel, Florida; W.·. J. N. S. Marshall, Nova Scotia.

The following Brethren have received appointments as Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge: R.·.W.·. Brother W. Dalby, Canada; V.·.W.·. Brother Eli Harrison, Jr., Manitoba; W.·. Brother W. F. Livock, Florida; R.·.W.·. Brother C. Thorne, Nova Scotia.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year but two dispensations have been granted, both to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo; one for the purpose of attending divine service in regalia on the 24th of June, the other to appear in regalia at a ball given by the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, at Nanaimo on the 27th December.

GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

I have received a communication from the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba asking for recognition of their Grand Lodge.

The statement it contains gives an extended account of Masonry in that Island. In presenting their claims for recognition, I would recommend that their communication be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report upon the same.

In conclusion, and before surrendering the high trust committed to my keeping, allow me to return my grateful acknowledgements for the kindness and courtesies I have always received from you; yet, in resigning my trust into your hands, I feel that my humble efforts, during my term of office, have not been characterized by that ability which is so essentially necessary in one occupying the high position of Grand Master, and upon which the success of the Craft so materially depends.

But no pleasure can equal the satisfaction which I feel at the unequivocal manner in which you have been pleased to bestow upon me your confidence and fraternal regard. I know not what higher compliment could ever be paid me than that which you have *twice* bestowed, and for which I now return the sincere thanks of a grateful heart.

I rejoice at the prospect of again returning to your midst, and to take my part in your labors around our common altar.

May God who protected our fathers in ages gone, who is our shield for the present and our hope for the future, guide, guard and protect us in the work which we have undertaken until its termination shall unite the whole human family in indissoluble bonds of sympathy and fraternal union.

FRED'CK WILLIAMS,
Grand Master.

On motion the address was referred to a committee of three for comment.

The R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master then appointed the following committee:

R.·.W.·. Coote M. Chambers,
W.·. T. R. Mitchell,
W.·. R. B. McMicking.

The Report of the R.·.W.·. the Deputy Grand Master was then read and on motion referred to the same committee.

R.·.W.·. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

During the past year official visitations having been confined to the Lodges in the City of Victoria, I have not had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of other places in their own lodge rooms. My attention has been mainly devoted to the affairs of the Craft as brought before the Board of General Purposes which has had more business to transact this year than any other since the formation of this Grand Lodge.

The suspension some five years ago of the Deputy District Grand Master of British Columbia when under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England has been the subject of further discussion, and the V.·.W.·. the Grand Secretary was instructed to copy all documents and communications touching on this matter and forward the same to the V.·.W.·. the Grand Secretary of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of England, so that they may understand the subject thoroughly.

Another matter of importance and one material to the well-being of the Craft in Victoria, was the amalgamation of the four Lodges in this city into two, which was very happily accomplished, and the Lodge that I have the honor to be a member of is already feeling the good effects of the measures adopted, for it is a pleasure to any lover of the Craft to spend an evening at our Lodge. Several appeals have been disposed of during the year to all appearances satisfactorily. The next subject that occupied our attention is one of great importance to the Craft, namely, the building of a Masonic Hall. Brethren this matter has been the theme of every Grand Master since the formation of this Grand Lodge, and with very little prospect of its being accomplished, as there were no funds for that purpose. You will, therefore, perceive that it was a difficult undertaking. But being appointed one of the Committee at the Masonic Convention some three years and a half ago, and the matter being referred to the Board of General Purposes, I was again appointed by them, with several other Brethren, to devise some feasible plan of attaining the desired object. From that time until the land for that purpose was purchased, I continued to enquire and endeavored to get a suitable property that would bring a good interest on the investment and recommend itself to the Brethren. My desire was to obtain a lot on Government Street near the hall we now occupy, and I thought I had succeeded. Therefore, with the advice of Bro. Trounce, the Vice-President of the Board of General Pur-

poses, the members of the Board were called together and my plans laid before them and they were unanimously approved of, except the proposed site for the building, as the Board thought we could do better by selecting some other property than the one suggested and the meeting was adjourned for one week. When we met again the property we have since bought was offered by Bro. Beaven and approved of by every member present. A committee was appointed consisting of the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary. Bro. Beaven and myself to draw up a prospectus. This we did and it was received and adopted by the Board as a whole and presented to the Lodges and Brethren in Victoria, meeting with a very flattering reception:

Victoria Columbia Lodge subscribing.....	$1,400 00
Vancouver Quadra " "	500 00
Victoria Columbia Royal Arch Chapter....	300 00

The V.·.W.·. the Grand Secretary then canvassed among the Brethren and in about ten days got subscriptions amounting to over $3,000 00. The list has since been in my care and I have obtained upwards of $2,000 00 more. In connection with this subject I feel it my duty to mention the able assistance which has been rendered by Bros. Chambers, Trounce, McMicking, Heisterman, Teague and the Grand Secretary.

Brethren, to have been permitted to be one of the humble instruments in assisting to erect a Masonic Building which will be an ornament to the city and a benefit and credit to the Craft has afforded me much pleasure, and at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, with the blessing of the Most High, we shall assemble and meet together in our own Hall, one suited for Masonic purposes and the property of the Brethren. When this takes place we may feel that we have laid a sure foundation for the Craft in this city, and I believe every Lodge in the Province, except Union Lodge, will then meet in its own Masonic Hall, and when the Hall in Victoria is completed we shall be able to render assistance to the Brethren of Union Lodge, if they should need it, in erecting a Hall in their city.

During the year much time and care have been bestowed in drafting advisable amendments to the Constitution, which will be presented for your consideration.

In conclusion, it affords me great pleasure to inform you that the members of the Board of General Purposes, by their careful attention to and consideration of every subject which has come before them during the past year have shewn they were faithful to their trust and merited the confidence reposed in them by you.

ELI HARRISON,
Deputy Grand Master.

The V.·.W.·. the Grand Treasurer submitted the following Annual Report which, upon motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

To the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in Session, 16th February, 1878:

Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to report as follows the transactions of his office during the past year:—

DR.		CR.	
1877.		1877.	
Feb. To balance cash on hand from Bank	$420 74	Feb. 28—By salary paid G. Sect'y	$150 00
Dec. 8—To cash from G. Secret'y	78 00	,, ,, ,, G. Tyler	10 00
,, 8— ,, ,, ,,	109 00	Mar. 31— ,, cash ,, G. Sect'y sundries	15 00
,, 29— ,, ,, ,,	132 37½	Apl. 28—By Insurance	17 70
1879.		July 12— ,, cash paid G. Secretary sundries	10 00
Jan. 29— ,, ,, ,,	149 50	,, 21— ,, cash paid advance account of purchase of building lot	300 00
Feb. 7— ,, ,, ,,	31 50	Aug. 16— ,, A. Rose, printing	6 00
Refund of advance to Trustees of Building Fund	300 00	,, "Standard", Proceedings	85 00
Feb. 7—To cash from Secretary account of Victoria Columbia Lodge	3 00	,, legal expenses Holbrook and Heisterman	100 00
		1878.	
		Feb. 16— ,, discount on silver	3 00
		,, balance in Bank of B.C.	527 41½
	$1,224 11½		$1,224 11½
1878.			
Feb. 16—To balance in Bank of British Columbia	$527 41½		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in Session 16th February, 1878:

Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to report the following abstract of the transactions of this office for the past year, in connection with the Benevolent Widows' and Orphans' Fund:—

DR.		CR.	
1877.			
Feb. To bal. in Savings Bank and cash on hand	$626 98	Feb. 19—By charity Bro. Craig	$10 00
June 30—To interest Dominion Savings Bank	15 98	,, 22— ,, ,, ,, McIntosh	10 00
Dec. 6— ,, cash from G. Secret'y	46 75	Apl. 22— ,, ,, Union Lodge	50 00
1878.		July 5— ,, ,, ,, ,,	50 00
Jan. 29— ,, ,, ,, ,,	133 37	Dec. — ,, ,, Ashlar Lodge	40 00
,, 29— ,, ,, ,, ,,	146 50	,, balance in Dominion Government Savings Bank	835 23
Feb. 7— ,, ,, ,, ,,	26 25		
	$995 23		$995 23
To balance	$835 23		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

The V.·.W.·. the Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of British Columbia:

Your Grand Secretary begs to bring before you the Annual Report concerning:—

Complete returns have been made by all the Lodges except Union Lodge, which has sent no returns whatever. Ashlar Lodge has also failed to forward half year's return to Benevolent Fund.

The total receipts of Grand Lodge dues, for the past year, are as follows:

Victoria Columbia Lodge,	No.	1	$135 37½
Vancouver and Quadra	"	2	149 50
Ashlar	"	3	109 00
Cariboo	"	4	78 00
Mount Hermon	"	7	31 50
Union	"	9	
Total so far received			$503 37½

Printed Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges have been duly received, as also Masonic pamphlets and periodicals, which, with the books already on hand, will add to the usefulness of our library, which I am in hopes will receive additional attention when we are in possession of our own building, which I trust, will soon take place, as in the event of fire the entire records of this Grand Lodge would, most probably, be destroyed, as there is no protection against such an emergency in the building we now use.

I would again call the attention of Grand Lodge to the suggestion of Past Grand Secretary Coote M. Chambers made in his last report, viz., that six copies of the Constitution and Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be bound for the purpose of preservation and reference, or if Grand Lodge should not deem the expense too great that all the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, from its formation, including this session, be re-printed in one volume and the pages numbered consecutively. The requests for copies of Proceedings of former years having been so many and so readily complied with that there are hardly any of them left in this office.

Of this year's Proceedings I have forwarded three copies to each of the Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, and a few to individual members, but have not been able to comply with all the numerous requests made for them.

It is gratifying to note the increased interest evinced by members of the Craft in its welfare. This has been more particularly manifest in the variety and additional number of subjects which have come before and been attended to by the Board of General Purposes. There having been more than twice as many meetings of that body during this year as in any preceding year and almost all the members of the Board have been present at each meeting.

On looking through the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges I notice that several eminent Masons have been called off from their labors among the Craft to swell the roll of our honored dead. Official notification having been received by me of the death of R.·.W.·. Bro. Jno. Atherton Harris, Grand Secretary of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Bro. Udd Schleusner, Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33, of the Supreme Grand Council of Brazil, and R.·.W.·. Bro. Frank Goulay, Grand Secretary of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Of these Bro. Goulay's name has been most familiar to us from the able manner in which he fulfilled his duties to his Grand Lodge, having made the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge pre-eminently instructive by his just criticisms and sound opinions. His death occurred in a most painful manner in the great fire in ———. Though dead his memory will still remain green and fresh in the remembrance of the Craft. He still lives in the good works he has accomplished and the reflection from his brilliant career will illumine the minds of others, and incite them to add to the splendor of our Ancient and Honored Fraternity and to glorify the great Architect whom we, as Masons, reverence and serve, who shapes our ends, and though his ways surpass man's understanding, yet he doeth all things well.

DISPENSATIONS.

Celebration of St. John's Day, (June), Ashlar Lodge, No. 1.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

By direction of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, the following commissions for Grand Representatives, were issued from this office, viz:

R.·.W.·.	Fitzherbert Ruaton Despard,	Grand	Lodge of	Canada.
"	Archibald McNee,	"	"	Manitoba.
"	Livingstone W. Bethel,	"	"	Florida.
"	J. N. S. Marshall,	"	"	Nova Scotia.

The total receipts for the year ending November, 1877, amounting to $506 37½, are as follows:

For Registration Fees	$ 34 00
" Annual Dues	438 37½
" Diplomas	26 00
" Dispensations to confer Degrees	5 00
	$503 37½

This sum has been duly paid to V.·.W.·. the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers handed the Auditing Committee.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

Number.	Names of Lodges.	Cities and Towns.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Died.	Expelled.	Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Members.	Grand Lodge Dues.
1	Victoria Columbia	Victoria	1	..	3	..	4	..	1	...	....	.	2	76	$135 37½
2	Vancouver and Quadra	Victoria	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	91	149 50
3	Ashlar	Nanaimo	2	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	64	109 00
4	Cariboo	Barkerville	2	3	2	..	4	1	..	....	1	1	1	42	78 00
7	Mount Hermon	Moodyville	..	..	2	..	..	1	..		....	..	..	17	31 50

SUMMARY.

Name of Lodge.	Annual Dues.	Diplomas.	Registration Fees.	Dispensations.	Totals.
Victoria Columbia	$117 37½	$4 00	$14 00	.....	$135 37½
Vancouver and Quadra	136 50	8 00	5 00	.....	149 50
Ashlar	96 00	2 00	6 00	$5 00	109 00
Cariboo	63 00	8 00	7 00	.....	78 00
Mount Hermon	25 50	4 00	2 00	.....	31 50
	$438 37½	$26 00	$34 00	$5 00	$503 37½

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

The Returns of Union Lodge, sent in after above Report, bring up the state of the Craft to the following figures:

Chartered Lodges	6
Whole number initiated in all Lodges	12
" " passed " "	9
" " raised " "	14
" " affiliated " "	4
" " demitted	13
" " died	2
" " expelled	2
" " suspended for un-Masonic conduct	0
" " " non-payment of dues	6
" " re-instated	1
" " rejected	4
Total number of Masons on Roll	317
Total Receipts from all sources	$566 87½

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FINANCES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 13TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The Secretary of the Benevolent Fund in account current with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, February, 1878.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

May 31,	To 76 members @ 75 cents	$57 00
"	" 4 " 37½ cents	1 50
"	" 3 raisings @ $5 00 each	15 00
"	" 1 demit	
"	" 2 affiliations @ $2 00 each	4 00
Nov. 30,	" 73 members @ 75 cents	54 75
	" 3 " 37½ cents	1 12½
	" 1 demit	
	" 1 expulsion	
		$133 37½

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

May 31,	To 91 members @ 75 cents	$68 25	
"	" 2 raisings @ $5 00 each	10 00	
"	" 3 suspensions		
Nov. 30,	" 91 members @ 75 cents	68 25	
			$146 50

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

May 31,	To 57 members @ 75 cents	$42 75	
	" 2 affiliations	4 00	
			$46 75

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

May 31,	To 18 members @ 75 cents	$13 50	
Nov. 30,	" 17 " "	12 75	
			$26 25

The Returns of Union Lodge to this fund are as follows:

May 31,	To 25 members @ 75 cents	$18 75	
" 31,	" 4 " " $5 00	20 00	
	" 3 demits		
Nov. 30,	" 27 members @ 75 cents	20 00	
" 30,	" 2 affiliations @ $2 00	4 00	
			$63 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.

Bro. Geo. Duff,

OF CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

Bro. Jas. C. McCully,

OF MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

IN MEMORIAM.

R.·.W.·. Bro. BURNABY, P. G. Master of British Columbia, P. P. Z. Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, Honorary Member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

Since writing my Report news has been received of the death of one whom the Craft in British Columbia held in high estimation, and whose Masonic labors and good qualities entitle him to a lasting place in the remembrance of every Mason in the Province. R.·.W.·. P. G. M. Burnaby was one of our pioneers in Masonry, one of the first Masters of the first Lodge in the Province, subsequently D.G.M. for British Columbia under the E.R., and was Past P.Z. of Columbia R.A. Chapter, 120 R.S. He was for some time opposed to the formation of our Grand Lodge, thinking it premature, but finding the Brethren were almost all desirous that this step should be taken he then devoted all his energies in assisting to carry out the wishes of the Brethren, thereby setting an example worthy of being imitated, but one which, unfortunately, is not always followed. In consideration of his eminent services the rank of P. G. M. was unanimously conferred upon him by this Grand Lodge, and a beautiful P. G. M.'s Jewel presented him by the Brethren. He was also made an honorary member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Ashlar Lodge, No. 3. In knowledge of the English Ritual Bro. Burnaby has never been surpassed by any Brother in the Craft of this Province. His kind and courteous bearing whilst presiding over the Craft and his liberality and goodness of heart, endeared him to all who came in contact with him. May he rest in peace.

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

16TH FEBRUARY, 1878.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

1. The Board of General Purposes in submitting their Seventh Annual Report, have much pleasure in reporting that though we have not increased our number of members still the affairs of the Craft generally are in sound condition.

2. W.·. Bro T. Trounce, at the first meeting of the Board, was unanimously re-elected Vice-President, and at the same meeting the following Committees were appointed, viz.: on Foreign Correspondence, on Printing, and on Grievances. In pursuance of resolution of Grand Lodge the following Brethren were elected Trustees, in whom the moneys of Grand Lodge have been invested, viz:

V.·.W.·. H. F. Heisterman,
R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison,
W.·. T. Trounce.

These Brethren having accepted the trust accordingly have entered into bonds for its due fulfilment.

3. A petition was received from the Brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, praying that those two Lodges might be amalgamated under the name of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and the Board resolved that the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master should favorably consider and grant their request, which was done. Subsequently a similar petition from Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, and Quadra Lodge, No. 8, asking that they be amalgamated under the name of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was received, on which petition the similar course was adopted. Of the wisdom of this step the Board feel fully assured from the evident benefit to the Craft arising therefrom which is rapidly making itself manifest.

4. The Board having duly considered the request of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario for recognition by this Grand Lodge, unanimously resolved that the so-called Grand Lodge should not be recognized, and the Grand Lodge of Canada have been duly informed of the action of the Board.

5. The Board having had the question of devising some plan for the purchase and erection of a Masonic Hall, after receiving information as to the prices asked for different properties in every available part of the city, finally decided on purchasing lots 609 and 610 on the N.W. corner of Douglas and Fisguard Streets for the sum of $1,750. Of the propriety of this purchase the Board have had evidence from subsequent sales of adjoining property and from the improvements now under weigh in the immediate locality. The Board after making the purchase appointed a Committee consisting of R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Sr., Bro. R. Beaven, and the Secretary, to draft prospectus of building scheme and adopted the one drawn up by those Brethren.

6. The Board have entered into contracts for the erection of the building. The advantages of having our own building must present themselves to the mind of every Brother in Victoria, and the Board would earnestly recommend that every Brother in the city contribute to the best of his ability to the furtherance of this desirable object.

7. Full accounts of the condition of the building fund, etc., have been prepared by the Secretary, and will be laid before Grand Lodge.

8. Several appeals from the actions of Subordinate Lodges have been laid before the Board, who have carefully considered each case, and it is hoped and believed satisfactorily decided them.

9. Correspondence has been received through the R.·.W.·. the Representative of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of England with regard to the suspension of a once distinguished member of the Craft and full returns have been sent to that M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge.

10. Bros. Harrison, Sr., Thorne and Beaven were requested by the Board to revise the Constitution of Grand Lodge and report. After their report had been received the matter was discussed by the Board, who would suggest to the Grand Lodge the following amendments to the Constitution, and of which the Secretary has given notice in the summonses to members of Grand Lodge.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Secretary of the Board of General Purposes gives notice of motion to amend the Constitution and General Regulations of Grand Lodge, pursuant to Resolutions of the Board, as follows:

1. Clause 2, page 20, 3rd line, strike out the word "Lodge" and insert the word "vote."

2. Clause 8, page 22, strike out the clause and insert in lieu the following: "The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot, and the Candidate then having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected."

3. Clause 15, page 23, strike out the word "first" and the word "December," and in lieu insert the words "in June preceding St. John's Day."

4. Clause 18, page 24, strike out the words "establishing" and "uniform" in the first line, and the words "system" and "lecture" in the second line, and insert in lieu of the word "uniform" the words "the established"; and in lieu of the words "system" and "lecture" insert the words "systems" and "lectures."

5. Clause 2, page 24, strike out the Clause and in lieu thereof read the following: "All matters are to be decided by the highest number of legal votes, each Subordinate Lodge having three votes, each officer and member of Grand Lodge (except the Grand Tyler) one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equal division, unless the Lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified in the manner usual among Masons, which the Grand Deacons are to count unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary."

6. Page 25, 5th line, expunge words "one month" and insert "six weeks." 8th line, expunge the word "by" and insert "with the consent of the highest number of legal votes present."

7. Clause 8, page 25, strike out the clause and in lieu thereof read the following: "It shall be competent of a member of the Grand Lodge to move a resolution, or an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment, but no further amendment shall be entertained."

8. Page 30, add clause No. 9, as follows: "Members of Grand Lodge that shall cease to contribute for a period of two years to a Subordinate Lodge in this or some other jurisdiction shall be deprived of all honors and rank he or they may have attained in this Grand Lodge, except as may be otherwise decided by special vote."

9. Clause 1, page 31, expunge the word "two" on last line of clause, and insert the word "three" in lieu thereof.

10. Clause 13, page 31, second line, after the word "Masters" add the words "or Past Masters."

11. Page 32, after clause 13, add "Fund of Benevolence By-Laws."

12. Clause 2, page 32, third line, expunge the words "his election" and insert "the elections" instead.

13. Clause 19, page 35, second line, expunge the words "gross, immoral, or infamous," and insert "un-Masonic" instead. 10th line, after the words "exclusion" insert the words "shall be recorded on the minutes of the next regular meeting. The Grand Secretary shall be notified, and every Lodge in the Province." In lieu of the remaining part of the clause to which is to be added the following: "No Master Mason shall be retained on the books of a Lodge as in good standing, who is six quarters in arrears of dues, unless by special vote of his Lodge; neither shall E A. or Fellow Crafts be retained as members who have not made such proficiency as may entitle them to receive higher degrees."

14. Clause 7, page 41, strike out the words "by the Grand Lodge only to" in the last line.

15. Clause 6, page 46, line 7, strike out the words "or exclusion."

16. Clauses 1, 2, 3, page 49, remove from page 49 and insert same and all regulations regarding Fund of Benevolence on page 32, after clause 13.

17. Add the following to clause 6 to By-Laws of Fund of Benevolence: "Nor within three months from this Fund except by vote of Grand Lodge. Nor during any year shall there be expended more than the income received during the preceding year from the Lodges, interest on accumulated funds excepted, nor shall any persons, except transient Brethren, be entitled to receive relief from this fund who are domiciled out of the Province."

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11. The Committee on the Cemetery question ask leave for further time.

12. The Board recommend that the sum of $40 be donated to Mrs. Sampson, of Redruth, England, widow of our late Bro. John Sampson, of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, who was drowned on the steamer Pacific, as relief to herself and family.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELI HARRISON, President,
THOS. TROUNCE, Vice-President.
ELI HARRISON, Jr., Secretary.

16th February, 1878.

On motion the report was received and ordered to be laid on the table to be taken up in due course.

The following reports of the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund and Building Fund were, on motion, received and placed on file, viz:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BENEVOLENT FUND:

VICTORIA, February 12th, 1878.

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

British Col mbia Investment and Loan Society, 46 shares at Fifty I ollars per share	$2,300 00
——— Der sit Receipts	270 00
Interest o 2,300 at 10 per cent. per annum, one year	230 00
Interest o 270, for two years to March 1st, 1878, at 8 per cent.	43 20
Total	$2,843 20

The above amou t of Interest $273 20 is placed in the Savings Bank to the credit of the M onic Fraternity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELI HARRISON,
THOS. TROUNCE,
H. F. HEISTERMAN.

MASONIC BUILDING FUND.

The Secretary to this Fund begs leave to report as follows: The following have subscribed and paid.

	Shares.	Value.
Robert Beaven	10	$200
E. C. Neufelder	5	100
R. Laing	5	100
W. E. Wraight	5	100
G. Bossi	5	100
Thos. Preece	10	200
M. G. Brown	5	100
G. Kirsop	10	
J. Teague	5	
W. Dalby	5	
H. L. Jones	5	
W. Arthur	5	100
F. Williams	5	100
L. Lewis	2	
H. F. Heisterman	5	
J. H. Todd	5	
W. F. Livock	5	40
R. P. Rithet	5	40
A. Astrico	5	50
Eli Harrison	5	50
Thos. Shotbolt	5	50
P. Oasterhout	5	50
Hy. Brown	5	50
A. A. Green	5	50
A. Couves	5	50
Hy. Saunders	5	40
W. Harrison	5	40
R. B. McMicking	5	50
J. Wilson	5	50
G. A. Sargison	5	40
A. Gilmore	5	30
W. Harrison, No. 1	2	8
I. Ragazzoni	5	20
I. Oppenheimer	5	$40
G. Oppenheimer	5	40
J. F. Becker	5	40
T. Trounce	5	50
Jas. Hearle	5	50
Eli Harrison, Jr	5	30
C. M. Chambers	5	30
I. Isbister	5	50
J. G. Mann	2	4
G. Thomson	5	10
M. W. Waitt	1	10
R. T. Williams	5	
Jos. Spratt	5	10
J. C. Bales	5	
T. Pamphlet	5	
Thos. Dodds	5	
Jos. Lowen	2	
A. W. Vowell	5	
C. C. McKenzie	2	
E. J. Salmon	5	
P. Manetta	1	
W. McKeohan	2	
J. S. Drummond	5	
	269	$2,212
Victoria Columbia No. 1	70	1,400
Vancouver and Quadra No. 2	25	500
Columbia Chapter, No.	15	300
Total	372	$4,412
Amount yet to be collected		$3,028

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 12th, 1878.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report which, on motion, was received and placed on file:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE M.·.W.·. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to make the following Report:

That they have carefully examined the books, accounts and several vouchers of those Grand Officers, and have great pleasure in certifying to the

correctness of the same, and desire to express that the books and accounts are kept in a very satisfactory manner.

To balance on hand at last audit	$ 420 74
" Receipts during the year	1,194 37
Total	$1,615 11
Expenditure as per vouchers	1,087 70
Balance	$ 527 41

The Receipts of the Benevolent and Widows' and Orphans' Fund were as follows:

Balance in Savings Bank at last audit	$ 626 98
Interest	15 38
Receipts during the year 1877	743 87
Total	$1,386 23

There is now in the hands of the Trustees the sum of $2,843 20 a statement of which is here annexed.

Relief granted during the year	$160 00
Balance in Dominion Savings Bank	835 23

The Committee desire to express their thanks to R.·.W.·.Bro. E. Harrison, D.G.M., for saving the payment of discount on $391 silver.

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,
H. BROWN,
Finance and Audit Committee.

The following communications were received and placed on file: From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Brazil, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

R.·.W.·. Wm. Dalby, Past Senior Grand Warden, produced his credentials as Grand Representative of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Lodge of Canada near this Grand Lodge, whereupon he was received with Grand honors and invited to a seat on the Dais.

V.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr., Grand Secretary, produced his credentials as Grand Representative of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near this Grand Lodge, whereupon he was received with the Grand honors and invited to a seat on the Dais.

W.·. W. F. Livock, Grand Marshall, produced his cre-

dentials as Grand Representative of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Lodge of Florida near this Grand Lodge, whereupon he was received with Grand honors and invited to a seat on the Dais.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment at 5 P.M. on Saturday.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
SATURDAY, February 16th, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877,
6.30 P.M.

The Grand Lodge being called to labor the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, F. Williams, presiding,—

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master and the report of the R.·.W.·. the Deputy Grand Master, made the following report:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee to whom was referred the Addresses of the M.·.W.·. G.M. and R.·.W.·. D. G. M. beg to express their approval of the able manner in which their views concerning the Craft have been placed before the Grand Lodge.

The increased prosperity of the Craft in general throughout the Jurisdiction is a matter of congratulation. We cordially concur in your expressions concerning the exemptions of our members from death, but regret with you the loss of one whom the members of this Jurisdiction may very justly regard as being the brightest ornament in the history of Free Masonry in this Province.

We believe with you that the prosperity of the Craft in Victoria has been materially advanced by the amalgamations of the Lodges, and trust that in the future still greater benefits may occur.

Your Committee rejoice that the want so long felt by the Craft in this city is about to be consummated by the speedy erection and completion of a commodious Masonic Temple, and trust that every member who has the interest of the Craft at heart will not lose this opportunity of furthering this desirable object.

It is a matter of satisfaction to your Committee that the fraternal relations with Foreign Grand Lodges remain undisturbed.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the appointment of Representatives by this Grand Lodge, near Sister Grand Lodges, has led to the appointment of—

R.·.W.·. Bro. W. Dalby, P. S. G. M., to be Grand Representative of Canada;

V.·.W.·. Bro. E. Harrison, Jr., Grand Secretary, to be Grand Representative of Manitoba;

W.·. Bro. W. F. Livock, to be Grand Representative of Florida;

R.·.W.·. Bro. C. Thorne, P.S.G.W., to be Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

And your Committee would recommend that the appointment of—

V.·.W.·. Bro. F. R. Despard, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada;

V.·.W.·. Bro. A. McNee, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba;

W.·. Bro. Livingstone W. Bethell, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Florida;

W.·. Bro. J. C. S. Marshall, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The interest shown by the R.·.W.·. D. G. M. Bro. E. Harrison in furthering the interest of the Masonic Temple cannot be too highly estimated by your Committee and is deserving of special mention.

We regret that during the past Masonic year, the M.·.W.·. Grand Master has been unable to visit any other Lodges outside the City of Victoria, as we believe such visits are calculated materially to improve the Lodges in particular and the Craft in general.

In conclusion your Committee desire to express the hope that the year before us, opening as it does with such bright prospects, may more than realize our most sangnine expectations, and that increased harmony may prevail.

We desire to express our belief that much of the good feeling at present existing is due to the zeal of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master and R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master.

COOTE M. CHAMBERS, R.W.J.W.,
R. B. McMICKING,
THOS. R. MITCHELL,

The subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Colon or the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba was next discussed, and on motion was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken up clause by clause, when Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, were adopted; of Clause 10, sub-sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, were adopted.

Sub-section 3 of said Section 10 was amended as follows:

Strike out all the words after 23 and insert the following in lieu of clause: "The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden at the City of Victoria on the Saturday in June immediately preceding St. John's Day, in each year, provided always, that the next regular Annual Communication shall be held in June, 1879."

Clauses 11 and 12 of the Report were then adopted, and on motion the Report was adopted as amended.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers the following Brethren, viz: Bros. Thorne, Clute and H. B. W. Aikman, when the Grand Lodge proceeded to the performance of that duty with the following result:

R.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously elected Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. J. G. Vinter, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Coote M. Chambers, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was elected Senior Grand Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. H. Brown, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was elected Junior Grand Warden.

V.·.W.·. Bro. H. H. Mogg, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was elected Grand Chaplain.

V.·.W.·. Bro. M. W. Waitt, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. Thos. Cuniffe, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was elected Grand Tyler.

On motion the elections were declared unanimous.

The following Brethren were then nominated members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing Masonic year, viz: Bros. Heisterman, Trounce, Livock, McMicking, Mitchell and Beaven.

Several accounts were then read, which on motion, were referred to the Finance Committee for payment if found correct.

A communication from M.·.W.·. Past Grand Master I. W. Powell was read and, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

A communication from W.·. Bro. M. Bate was read and on motion ordered to be received and filed.

On motion the salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at the rate of $150 per annum until next communication.

It was moved, seconded and carried "That the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, and also the Constitution, as amended, be printed."

On motion it was resolved "That a memorial page in the Proceedings be dedicated to the memory of M.·.W.·. Past Grand Master Robert Burnaby."

The Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment at 11.50 P.M. until Monday the 18th, at 7 P.M.

SECOND DAY.

EVENING SESSION,
MONDAY, 18th February, A.D. 1878, A.L. 5878,
7 P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor, the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master presiding.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master elect then announced the appointment of the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

W.·. Bro.	J. S. Thompson	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	M. Coates	" Junior Deacon.
" "	Thos. Trounce	" Superintend't of Works.
" "	W. Harrison	" Director of Ceremonies.
" "	J. S. Clute	" Marshal.
" "	M. Bate	" Sword Bearer.
" "	J. A. Cotterill	" Standard Bearer.
" "	J. Andrews	" Organist.
" "	T. R. Mitchell	" Pursuivant.
" "	R. B. McMicking	Grand Stewards.
" "	W. Stephenson	Grand Stewards.
" "	J. Speirs	Grand Stewards.
" "	S. Drake	Grand Stewards.

The M.·.W.·. F. Williams, Grand Master proceeded with the installation of the M.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, the Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated, invested, installed and proclaimed in the South, West and East, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

The following elected and appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge were then invested and installed by the M.·. W.·. P.G.M., F. Williams, viz:

R.·.W.·.	J. G. Vinter	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Coote M. Chambers	Senior Grand Warden.
"	H'y Brown	Junior Grand Warden.
V.·.W.·.	H. H. Mogg	Grand Chaplain.
"	M. W. Waitt	" Treasurer.
"	Eli Harrison, Jr	" Secretary.
W.·.	J. S. Thompson	" Senior Deacon.
"	M. Coates	" Junior Deacon.
"	T. Trounce	" Superintendent of Works.
"	W. Harrison	" Director of Ceremonies.
"	J. S. Clute	" Marshal.
"	M. Bate	" Sword Bearer.
"	J. A. Cotterill	" Standard Bearer.
"	J. Andrews	" Organist.
"	T. R Mitchell	" Pursuivant.
"	R. B. McMicking	Grand Stewards.
"	W. Stephenson	
"	J. Speirs	
"	S. Drake	

The following notices of motion were then given for next meeting of Grand Lodge:

By V.·.W.·. Grand Treasurer:

That all laws, by-laws, rules and regulations of the Craft inconsistent with or repugnant to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as revised by the Board of General Purposes and amended by Grand Lodge at its 7th Annual Communication, in pursuance with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, are hereby repealed, and the Constitution so amended is hereby adopted as the revised Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

By V.·.W.·. Grand Marshal, (as to Subordinate Lodges):

That Clause 6 of the Constitution be struck out, and in lieu thereof the following shall be read: "6. If the Master be not present, the Senior Warden, or in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall take the Chair and rule the Lodge, and may confer Degrees."

The labors of this Communication being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer.

Eli Harrison Jr
Grand Secty

In Memoriam.

Robert Burnaby,

P.·. G.·. MASTER

Of British Columbia.

DIED

January 12th, 1878.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m.

OFFICERS:

Matthew Coates. W. M.,
J. C. Bales, S. W.,
Wm. Harrison, J. W.,
C. C. McKenzie, Secretary,
C. Thorne, Treasurer,
J. Andrews, S. D.,
J. Wilson, J. D.,
J. McKerney, D. of C.,
R. Laing, T. Preece, } Stewards,
E. J. Salmon, I. G.,
T. Cuniffe, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

R. Burnaby, Honorary,
J. Weiler,
I. Ragazzoni,
W. R. Clarke,
W. F. Livock,
T. Shotbolt,
H. Brown,
G. Thomson,
J. F. McCreight,
F. Williams,
J. J. Southgate,
Hy. Nathan,
W. Harrison,
T. Trounce,
T. R. Mitchell.

MASTER MASTERS:

B. D. Acland,
G. Bossi,
T. Hankin,
J. Isbister,
R. Laing,
J. H. Innes,
E. C. Baker,
J. P. Davies,
D. W. Higgins,
S. L. Kelly,
H. McKay,
J. Nicholson,
W. Arthur,
R. Foster,
J. T. Howard,
H. S. Langton,
J. McKerney,
U. Nelson,
A. Phillips,
J. C. Bales,
H. L. Jones,
W. Trickey,
J. Andrews,
J. Lowen,
R. Keeler,
T. Cuniffe,
W. Harrison,
T. Preece,
C. C. McKenzie,
E. M. Brown,
T. D. Lindsay,
A. A. Green,
W. H. Thain, Honorary,
D. A. N. Ogilvy,
H. Rhodes,
F. G. Richards,
J. Strachan,
J. Wilson,
T. H. Pamphlet,
M. J. Maslen,
J. J. Austin,
S. J. Franklin,
W. C. Horth,
P. A. R. Olsen,
E. J. Salmon,
T. Cock,
H. G. Goward,
R. Plummer,
A. R. Robertson,
D. Shade,
F. Stockham,
H. H. Mogg,
R. H. Alexander,
J. Teague,
H. Saunders,
W. Evans,
A. C. Couves,
T. Dodds,
R. Broderick.
J. Hearle,
J. J. Robinson.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

C. McMillan, J. Tod, R. Bishop.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

G. Blenkinsop, E. Lence, C. Naef,
R. Roberts, E. Stephens, J. Tait,
C. H. Trehart, J. J. Weeks, F. J. Robson.
W. Simpson,

DEMITTED:

J. F. Hight, F. Blundin, S. T. Styles.
G. Izat,

EXPELLED:

J. Winger.

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p. m.

OFFICERS:

R. B. McMicking, W. M.,
David Kurtz, S. W.,
Robert Beaven, J. W.,
Coote M. Chambers, Secretary,
J. F. Becker, Treasurer.
G. J. Clark, S. D.,
A. R. Milne, J. D.,
J. G. Vinter, D. of C.,
W. Fraser, Organist,
G. Frye, } Stewards,
C. Astrico, }
D. H. Ross, I. G.,
T. Cuniffe, (not a member) Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

I. W. Powell, W. B. Wilson, M. W. Waitt,
J. G. Vinter, S. Duck, P. Oasterhout,
E. Harrison. E. Harrison, Jr., C. M. Chambers,
H. F. Heisterman. H. B. W. Aikman, R. H. Adams, Honorary,
A. Astrico, W. Fraser, J. A. Grahame.
W. Dalby,

MASTER MASONS:

J. Dorman, J. Stirtan, F. Neufelder,
W. Marshall, J. Johnson, G. Kirsop,
F. Campbell, T. Ennor, A. W. Vowell,
J. H. Turner, J. Martin, J. Ramsay,
J. Bryden, R. L. Purves, G. Oppenheimer,
T. G. Moody, W. T. Louthit, L. Lewis,
J. Madden, T. F. McIntosh, R. J. McDonnell,
W. Morrison, W. E. Wraight, A. Gilmore,
J. Williams, G. Frye, J. Clapperton,
J. Flett, J. McLean, R. Beaven,
W. Haynes, T. Inge, J. McLennan,
C. Taylor, J. Jessop, J. Kriemler,
R. T. Williams, J. Finlayson, R. P. Rithet,
A. R. Milne, C. E. Anderson, C. B. Sweeney,
G. A. Sargison, C. F. Houghton, W. A. Robertson,
C. Astrico, I. Oppenheimer, G. Rudlin.
J. A. Mara, J. Mann, W. Sinclair,
H. M. Cohen, J. Davies, J. Batchelor,
W. Scott, J. Goodacre, J. S. Drummond.
P. J. Hall, R. Wood. F. J. Barnard,
P. Steele, P. Manetta. J. B. Lovell,
W. Robertson, J. C. Callbreath, D. H. Ross,
J. M. Rodgers, J. Williams, J. McCully,
J. Spratt, (contrib'g member).

FELLOW CRAFT:

J. Willis.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

G. Hardisty, A. Donohue, H. Rudolph.

SUSPENDED:

Wm. Keohan, W. Muldoon, W. Bowden.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the in each month, at 8 p.m.

OFFICERS:

Samuel Drake, W. M.,
Henry Maguire, S. W.,
C. N. Young, J. W.,
J. A. Abrams, Secretary,
John Mahrer, Treasurer,
James Brown, S. D.,
Thomas Miller, J. D.,
Wm. Stewart, D. of C.,
M. B. Clarke, Joseph Trumper, } Stewards,
R. O. Beck, I. G.,
Michael Burns, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

John Renwick, Mark Bate, Wm. Stewart.
James Brown, Robert Burnaby, Honorary,

MASTER MASTERS:

Alexander Mayer,
Archibald Muir,
George Baker,
G. L. Bevilockway,
David Harris,
James Harris,
W. A. Horne,
John Neill,
John Puetz,
James Stewart,
Thomas Lindsay,
Caleb Colmar,
A. C. Muir,
C. N. Westwood,
Archibald Cowie,
R. K. McLaughlin,
James Patterson,
James Smith,
John Sabiston,
S. B. Hamilton,
Peter Martin,
A. G. Horne,
Wm. Davidson,
Alexander Easson,
Isaac Brown,
A. P. Gill,
William Stewart,
W. M. Flewitt,
James Tamblyn,
Joseph Rodello,
W. J. Hurst,
Ralph Craig,
E. B. McKay.
A. J. Fenney,
John Dick,
Wm. McCullough,
Joseph Webb,
Edward Quesnelle,
Murdock McKenzie,
J. A. Carstairs,
Richard Williams,
Noah Bulkley,
Robert Aitken,
W. B. Cowling,
Henry Ross,
James Gillespie,
Charles Bennie,
J. M. Stirtan,
David Davis,

FELLOW CRAFT:

John Thomas Manly.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Thomas Pickins.

DEMITTED:

David Frew, L. R. McInnes.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

F. D. Little, James McKinlay.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Monday in each month, at 7.30 p. m.

OFFICERS:

Jonathan Nutt, W. M.,
A. Lindsay, S. W.,
J. Van Volkenburg, J. W.,
S. A. Rogers, Secretary,
H. McDermott, S. D.,
J. Harding, J. D.,
G. Valetti, J. G.,
Chas. Paulsen, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. S. Thompson,
Wm. Stephenson.

MASTER MASONS:

W. Allen,
D. Ercole,
Jos. Hunter,
A. McKenzie,
D. T. Price,
Jas. Stone,
M. Wolfe,
J. Bruce,
J. G. Goodson,
W. Hosford,
E. C. Neufelder,
Wm. Rennie,
J. H. Todd,
J. Williams,
G. Byrnes,
J. F. Gerald,
D. McNaughton,
A. Pendola,
Jas. Reid,
Wm. Tucker,
John Dunn,
A. E. B. Davie,
A. Hoffman,
J. C. McMillan,
E. Pearson,
Jos. H. St. Laurent,
Ben. Van Volkenburg,
Wm. A. Johnston.

FELLOW CRAFT:

P. Glendenning.

DIED;

Geo. Duff.

DEMITTED:

Wm. Allen,
Jos. Hunter,
D. F. Price,
J. H. Todd.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jos. Hunter.

RE-INSTATED:

Jos. Hunter.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

MOODYVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on Saturday nearest full moon, at 8 p. m.

OFFICERS:

John A. Cottrell, W. M.,
Philander W. Swett, S. W.,
Benjamin Springer, J. W.,
J. McDonald, acting Secretary,
James Van Bramer, Treasurer,
Robert Millman, S. D.,
Patrick A. Allen, J. D.,
Sherwin Proctor, I. G.,
George W. Cole, Tyler.

PAST MASTER:

Josias C. Hughes.

MASTER MASONS:

Geo. W. Haynes,
Thomas Cooper,
Geo. Black,
Wm. Burdin,
Alex. Merrifield,
Alison F. White,
Hermin Wharton,
Ben. H. Wilson.

DIED:

James C. McCully.

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

OFFICERS:

J. S. Clute, W. M.,
T. R. McInnis, S. W.,
J. Spears, J. W.,
J. G. Jaquus, Secretary,
R. Dickinson, Treasurer,

A. H. McBride, S. D.,
John Allison, J. D.,
C. Leigh, I. G.,
Wm. Howey, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Valentine Blackwood Tait, John Murray, Ebenezer Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

George Landvoight,
Oliver Jackson,
Thomas Sitt,
Pous Arnaud,
Isaac Johns,

Benjamin Douglass,
J. A. Clark,
T. W. Goey,
W. Dodd,
J. Barris,

S. Tingley,
D. Oppenheimer,
J. McDonald,
R. B. Kelly,
T. W. Merrill.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

G. E. Magee, J. G. Bristol.

DEMITTED:

C. N. Trew, W. Powers, J. Robinson.

SUSPENDED:

J. T. Scott.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

HELD IN THE

City of Victoria, the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

Pursuant to notice a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in the City of Victoria with the usual Masonic honors.

PRESENT:

About 150 Officers and Members of the various Lodges in the Province, besides the members of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter 120.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2 o'clock, P.M., with solemn prayer.

The M.·.W.·. the Grand Master stated that he had been requested by the Committee of Arrangements to lay the foundation stone of the Masonic Temple and that he would at once proceed with the necessary ceremonies of the occasion.

The weather being fine a large concourse of spectators witnessed the ceremony. A large stand with raised seats was erected at the West side for the accommodation of ladies and children, every available seat on which was taken possession of long before the proceedings commenced. On the

North side a raised platform was erected on which the band was placed, also the members of one of the Subordinate Lodges who could not be accommodated on the ground floor. The members of the Grand Lodge were provided with seats on the ground floor, and were surrounded by members of the Subordinate Lodges. About 150 members of the Order took part in the ceremony, which was conducted in a very impressive manner by the M.·.W.·. G. M. Eli Harrison, Sr.

The Brethren left their Hall on Government Street about 3 o'clock, headed by Haynes' Band, in the following

ORDER OF PROCESSION :

Grand Tyler with drawn sword,
Visiting Brethren,
12 Grand Stewards.
Royal Arch Masons.
Vancouver Lodge, No. 2.
Brother bearing Rough Ashlar.
Brother bearing Perfect Ashlar.
Banners.
Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
Brother carrying Corn.
Brother carrying Wine.
Brother carrying Oil.
Brother carrying Vol. Sacred Law.
Architect with Plans.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Organist.
Grand Director of Ceremony.
Grand Superintendent of Works with Trowel.
Grand Secretary with Constitution supported by two Master Masons.
Corinthan Light.
Brother bearing column of Junior Grand Warden.
Treasurer with Casket.
Junior Grand Warden with Plumb.
Doric Light.
Brother with columns Senior Grand Warden.

Senior Grand Warden with Level, supported by two Master Masons.

District Grand Master with Square.

Past Grand Master with Mallet.

Grand Standard Bearer with Banner of the oldest Lodge.

Grand Sword Bearer.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master supported by S. G. Deacon.

Grand Stewards with Grand Banner.

On arriving at the site of the building the procession opened out in double columns, when the M.·.W.·. Grand Master and Officers proceeded to the platform and were received by the Committee. The M.·.W.·. G. M. then delivered the following Address:—

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HERE ASSEMBLED:—Be it known to you that we are true and lawful Free and Accepted Masons, faithful to the laws of our country, honoring the Queen and loving God, the Great Architect of the Universe We have among us, concealed from all other persons, secrets which cannot be communicated except in accordance with the customs and manners of our ancient and honorable Society, but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and intended to benefit those to whom they are entrusted. No persons can be admitted into our Order unless they are reported good men and true, of lawful age and of good conduct. Great and eminent men have in all ages been promoted to the Craft and joined in our assemblies, and monarchs have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel on many occasions. Unless our Order were good and our calling honorable we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever been ready to promote our interests and defend us from our adversaries. We are assembled here to-day to lay the corner stone of this edifice to be erected to the Most High, and as the Tabernacle was a forerunner of that great Temple erected to the Most High by King Solomon, so may this building be small and insignificant to those which in the future may be erected in this Province and dedicated to His Most Holy Name.

Plans for the building were then presented by Bro. John Teague, Architect, and after being inspected and approved, were accepted with the following remarks by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master:—

"Bro. Teague,—Finding that the plans you have prepared for this new Masonic Hall are in accordance with the rules and regulations of our venerable Society, also perceiving that the building will be an ornament to this city and a credit to your skill as a craftsman, I have much pleasure in ex-

pressing my approval of the designs, and for your guidance place them again in your charge, having full confidence in your skill and integrity to complete the building to the satisfaction of the Brethren who entrusted the work to your care."

Bro. Teague then, on behalf of the Fraternity, presented the M.·.W.·. Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, the workmanship of Mr. Hy. Rudolph.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master in fitting terms returned his sincere thanks for the gift presented to him.

A solemn prayer was then offered up by the V.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. H. H. Mogg, after which the Grand Secretary read the following scroll:—

"By the favor of Almighty God, the great Architect of the Universe, on the 22d day of April, Anno Domini 1878, and of the era of Free Masonry, A. L. 5878, and in the 41st year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales being the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, K.G., K.C.B., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, the Honorable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, the Most Worshipful Eli Harrison, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, this Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple in the City of Victoria, dedicated to Holy St. John the Evangelist and the Masonic Fraternity of the Province of British Columbia, was laid by the Grand Master according to the ancient usages of Masonry, assisted by the Grand Lodge, the Companions of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No 120 on the Register of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Brethren residing in the Province.

ELI HARRISON, JR.,
M.E. 1st P.Z. Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 120.
THOMAS R. MITCHELL,
W. M. Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
ROBERT BURNS McMICKING,
W. M. Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
Committee of Management.

ELI HARRISON,
THOS. TROUNCE,
ELI HARRISON, JR., } Trustees.

The Grand Treasurer then deposited a casket containing the scroll and the following articles: A copy of the proceedings to organize and 1st Grand Communication of Grand Lodge of British Columbia with Constitution; Proceedings of 1877; Canadian Craftsman; Daily *Standard*; Daily *Colonist*; Different Committees; List of Grand Lodge Officers for 1878.

The Grand Master then proceeded to lay the stone, which was lowered while the band played the National Anthem, Brethren standing uncovered. After the stone had been tried by the Junior Grand Warden, the Senior Grand Warden and the Deputy Grand Master, who reported that the Craftsmen had done their duty, the Grand Master finished the work of laying the stone and gave three raps on it, saying "Well made, truly laid; well proved, true and trusty. May this edifice be completed according to the rules of our Order, may the blessings of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe assist us in this our undertaking and we will ascribe the honor and glory to His holy name."

The Grand Honors were then given three times. The Deputy Grand Master then presented the Corn, which the Grand Master scattered on the stone, saying, "May plenty be showered on the people of this Dominion, may the labors of the Craft be rewarded by every good and perfect gift." The Senior Grand Warden presented Wine, which the Grand Master poured upon the stone, saying, "May the health of the craftsmen employed in erecting this building be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper their labor." The R.·.W.·. Junior Grand Warden then presented the Oil, which the Grand Master poured upon the stone, saying, "May the Supreme Ruler of the Universe vouchsafe peace and prosperity to Her Majesty's dominions and to all the nations of the earth; and may He continue to bless and prosper the ancient and venerable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, protecting them from all evil. May the Most High in His infinite goodness and mercy bless the people of this Province with all the comforts of life, and assist us in the completion of this building erected to His holy name. Protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve this structure from decay; and grant to us a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy."

A prayer was then offered by the Grand Chaplain, after which the Grand Honor were given three times.

A collection was then taken up among the Brethren and deposited on the stone to be distributed to the worthy distressed.

The band then struck up "Rule Britannia." The procession then re-formed and marched to their Hall on Government street.

Among those present were Masons representing Lodges in Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Illinois, Nebraska, Florida, Utah, New Jersey, Virginia, and other parts of the globe.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

HELD PURSUANT TO NOTICE IN THE

City of Victoria, October 28th, A. D. 1878.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master and the Grand Officers being in attendance:

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer.

The M.·.W.·. the Grand Master stated that this communication had been summoned for the purpose of consecrating the new Masonic Temple on the corner of Douglas and Fisguard Streets in the City of Victoria, and to take into consideration proposed amendments to the Constitution, of which notice had been given at the last communication of this Grand Lodge.

A procession was then formed and marched to the new Temple in the following order:

Haynes' Band,
Visiting Brethren,
Banner of British Columbia Lodge,
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge,
Rough and Perfect Ashlars,
Banner of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge,
Brethren bearing corn, wine and oil,
Architect, supported by two R. A. M's,

Grand Pursuivant,
Grand Organist and Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Grand Superintendent of Works,
Past Grand Officers,
Grand Deacons,
Grand Secretary, with Constitution, supported by two R. A. M.'s,
Doric Light,
Column of Senior Grand Warden,
Senior G. Warden, with Jewel, supported by two R. A. M.'s,
Grand Bible Bearer, supported by two R. A. M.'s,
Deputy G. Master with Square, supported by two R.A.M.'s,
P. G. Masters, supported by two R. A. M.'s,
Grand Standard Bearer, with Banner of Victoria Columbia Lodge,
M.·.W.·. Grand Master supported by two P.'s of the Royal Arch Chapter,
Grand Stewards—Grand Tyler.

On arrival at the Temple the spacious and beautiful edifice was found nearly filled with ladies and gentlemen who had assembled to witness the opening ceremonies. The Brethren with difficulty made their way to the head of the hall, which was brilliantly lighted with gas from chandelier and pendant, and presented a charming appearance. The Judiciary, the Clergy, the Provincial and City Governments were represented in the throng and all seemed to take a deep interest in the grand pageant. As the Brethren filed in Mr. Durny, who presided at the organ, played the "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer. This was followed by the anthem, "Thine, O Lord, is the Greatness," by the choir of the Reformed Episcopal Church, led by Brother Coote M. Chambers, with excellent effect. Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain of the Order, then offered up an impressive prayer. At the left of the Grand Master was seated P. G. M. Fred.'k Williams, and on his right P.S.G.M. W. R. Clarke.

At the conclusion of the prayer Grand Superintendent of Works Teague advanced and handed to the Grand Master the plans, etc., of the structure, remarking that he hoped all

things would be found complete and satisfactory. Referring in feeling terms to Mr. Wraight's demise, Bro. Teague paid a warm tribute to the contractors and said all the craft engaged on the work had done their duty. He also adverted to the liberality of the Brethren in contributing to the embellishment of the Temple and retired amid loud applause.

M.·.W.·. Grand Master Harrison briefly replied to the Superintendent's remarks, expressing satisfaction with the manner in which the duties had been discharged and said he hoped the Province would so progress that Brother Teague would have many other opportunities of displaying his skill (applause).

Grand Secretary Eli Harrison, Jr., then addressed the Grand Master, and having referred to the beautiful building, the furniture, etc., and to the organ kindly lent by M. W. Waitt & Co., requested the Grand Master to dedicate the Temple.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master proceeded, amid marked attention, to deliver the following

DEDICATORY ADDRESS:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN AND ESTEEMED FRIENDS:

It is with feelings of joy and gratitude that I meet you on this auspicious occasion. How appropriate it seems that our Temple should have been commenced in spring and completed by this time of the year, when the landscape is tinged with the beautiful tints of autumn and when the harvest is gathered in, making the heart of man glad and filling his soul with gratitude. How fresh it must be to the minds of those who were present at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of this building last April, that the vast armies of Europe were in full martial array, ready to commence a work of destruction of misery, the extent of which no one could forsee, but which, providentially, was not so widespread as some anticipated, and how we, with others, in almost every part of the world, humbly invoked Almighty God for the blessings of peace and prosperity. This is surely the time to return thanks for all the blessings which we have received from the Great Creator, and a proper time in which to make our offerings to the Most High. Then let us return thanks and praise to Him that He has, in his divine wisdom, goodness and mercy, granted the prayers of His creatures and been gracious unto us, and has afforded us this opportunity of assembling in peace for the laudable purpose of dedicating a Temple to His Most Holy Name and for the advancement of Free Masonry. We, therefore, humbly beseech Thee, O! merciful

God, to accept from us, Thy creatures, this Temple which has been designed by the wisdom which Thou hast vouchsafed unto us and made strong by the faith which Thou hast planted within us and adorned with the knowledge which we have acquired from studying Thy sublime and wonderful works and may the incense offered at this Thine altar be always acceptable in Thy sight.

Brethren and Friends—The dedication of our Temple is an event which deserves more than a passing thought, showing as it does the progress in this part of the world, of that great and noble Order spread over the earth as it is from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same—an Order whose existence is counted by centuries and which has been the nursery of the liberal arts and sciences for ages past, and also showing the prosperity and peaceable condition of the community in which we live. Free Masons have ever striven to do their duty as good and faithful citizens. The ceremonies we are about to perform are not unmeaning rites nor idle pageants, but are of solemn and instructive nature. The dedication of this house to the Great Jehovah reminds us of the erection and dedication to His Most Holy Name of that glorious Temple at Jerusalem by our Grand Master, King Solomon, assisted by many good and skillful workmen. Although our building has not been erected with the same solemn silence and wonderful precision, the Brethren having charge have conducted its erection in peace, love and harmony, every Brother striving to fulfil his duty with energy and zeal. And although we may not have the outward and visible signs of the Deity which existed in the Temple of Solomon, such as the Divine Light or Shekinah, or the Cloud and Pillar of Glory that rested on the Ark of the Covenant, yet I trust we will make such progress in well-doing, and so closely observe the beauty and glory of His mighty works as to justly feel assured of His presence being continually with us, and that we will so conform to His divine will and pleasure that we can patiently wait the fulfilment of His wonderful events. I shall not now attempt the task of dwelling to any extent upon the history of this ancient and illustrated Order, but we use the present fitting occasion to remark upon the principles of the Order, and, in so doing, but briefly allude to its history. To trace Masonic history is a most difficult undertaking, the difficulty of doing so is easily realized when we consider the different countries and the variety of Governments of those different countries in which it has existed; for we must bear in mind that in our day we are blessed with the best and most enlightened Governments recorded in history. We are therefore, spared many of the difficulties and dangers that our ancient brethren had to contend with and there is no necessity at the present time for us to destroy our records nor to be afraid to acknowledge that we are Free Masons. As has been eloquently said by a reverend Brother: "An institution claiming centuries and continents. Lifting itself up amid the sunshine or storm of to-day it must send its roots down into the darkness, the secrecy and silence of ages. The roots of this noble institution run deep into the remotest antiquity, how deep no one can tell, in its nature as operative Masonry, very near the beginning of the young earth's history." Several writers state that Masonry is simply a system of ethics derived from the Sun worshipers; but our Order has no connection whatever with, nor does it

countenance in any way, any sect or party and, without claiming Divine origin, it banishes atheism and infidelity. When we, as Masons, look to the East it is for light that we may comprehend the Divine will and commandments of Him who created that great and splendid luminary to give light, life and pleasure to all within its sphere. And if we lift our eyes when it is at its meridian, it should remind us of the glorious and wonderful works of Him who formed the stars and gave them their various stations, adorned the Moon with soft and silvery rays and gave the sun its resplendent lustre. And when the shades of evening admonish us of declining day and we look to the West at the Sun's departing rays, it should remind us, as Masons, to give thanks to the great Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings which we have received from His inexhaustible store. But, Brethren and friends, let us on the present occasion leave traditions, going back into the mists of antiquity, pass over the history of great cities, wonderful towers, splendid palaces and almost imperishable monuments with which the name of Free Masonry has been connected, to more recent times, and give a passing glance at the circumstances attending the building of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, as recorded in the volumn of Sacred Law. There we find more than one hundred thousand workmen employed with such order and precision—their work so well executed—that modern historians affirm that part of the foundation is in existence and good preservation up to the present day. We are also informed by that great book that Hiram, King of Tyre, sent King Solomon men skilled in all the sciences of building and in all manner of fine work. By reading carefully the circumstances narrated of this great work we shall perceive that the Tyrians were very expert workmen and thoroughly organized: but how far back that organization extended, or whether it was a secret ancient Order, tradition and historians differ in their accounts.

It has been asserted by some that the Order of Free Masons was in a very flourishing condition in Tyre at the time King Solomon undertook to build the Temple, and it is possible that this might have been the case for there appears to have been no lack of skillful workmen in the kingdom at that period. From the building of the Temple, down to the present time, there is no doubt but this Order has existed some of the time in a very flourishing condition and at other times was almost lost in oblivion. But during all these years there has been handed down by the instructive tongue of the zealous craftsman to the listening and attentive ear of the initiate the principles of Eternal Truth and the secrets of this, our illustrious Order, in such a manner that they have been understood by men of every nation, tongue and creed. When we look back at the erection of that beautiful and glorious Temple, it is evident that there was something grand and worthy of attention to draw so many of the most enlightened people of the age to Jerusalem to behold its beauty. But when we remember the fact of the Divine Presence being made manifest in the peculiar manner which is described in sacred history, we must be confident that it was a work well pleasing to Him. Let us carefully notice the language of King Solomon when he didicated the Temple. (1st book Kings, 8th chapter.):—"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the Heaven and Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Thee! How much less this house that I have built."

Yet we perceive that God in His loving kindness had respect to the work of their hands and blessed them in a wonderful manner. How humiliating it is to think that this splendid work of skill and beauty, the admiration of the age in which it was constructed, should have been polluted by the King of Egypt in so short a period after it was completed. Let us for a moment reflect on the tens of thousands who went to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings alone for mercy and forgiveness without that true repentance which is required to bring us nearer to God and enable us to be partakers of His glorious promises and forgiveness; and not regarding the admonitions of the faithful prophets of Israel who reproved them for this folly, telling them that if God was hungry He would not tell them, for the cattle on a thousand hills were His and pointed out to them the necessity of God in spirit and in truth. They continued their sinful course; the city of Jerusalem was annually the scene of strife and contention. In consequence of this the hand of the Lord was no longer with them to guide and direct them in the hour of danger. The surrounding nations envied their accumulated wealth and were afraid of their increasing numbers; therefore they conspired to overthrow and destroy them. After conquering them they polluted the places that had been most holy; but these places had lost their virtue through the disobedience of God's chosen people. There was now no longer the Pillar of Fire to guide them, nor the Cloud of Glory to protect them, for they had disregarded the servants of the Most High God; and before their final overthrow they had despised the Divine injunction of Him who spake as never man spake, telling them to "rend" their hearts and not their garments." Again, let us look to that Holy Place where King Solomon built that beautiful and glorious temple. What do we behold? A large and splendid building, which, if not as magnificent as that of former times, is of no mean pretensions. This is the Mosque of Omar erected by the fiery children of the Arabian desert who now assemble on the sacred ground of both Israelites and Christians to offer up their devotions in their own peculiar manner. These are the Mohommedans. How humiliating to the faithful Jew; how painful to the meek and humble Christian. What lessons of tolerance this should teach us, and how it should admonish us to forbear with each other, for fear we have much to learn which can be only comprehended by observing how the Great Creator endures with our weaknesses and follies. Thus we are taught as Masons to respect the good of every creed and to let every man serve God according to the dictates of his own conscience, thereby affording every person the opportunity of observing what is good and of endeavoring to profit by the same. Although the Temple at Jerusalem is destroyed, the principles that were taught by God's faithful servants will endure forever, and His wonderful works should continually remind us of our frailty and feebleness, and teach us to depend on Him alone for comfort and support, for his works are not perishable like man's but endure forever. Without further reference to Masonic history or tradition, let us now examine the principles on which this noble institution is founded; then we shall see if there is anything in them worthy of the esteem and confidence of the good, just and thoughtful man. In the first place we are taught to trust in God, for without

a belief in God no person can be made a Mason. We are also taught to obey the moral law and that the volume of the Sacred Law should be the rule and guide to all our actions. We are instructed to be charitable to all mankind, to be just and upright in all our dealings, and honorable in all our transactions; we are taught to practice every domestic and public virtue, and that prudence should direct us, temperance chasten us and fortitude support us in all our undertakings. We are taught to be peaceable subjects, to submit to the laws of the country in which we reside and cheerfully conform to the Government which affords us its protection and to wait patiently for such reforms as are needful for the public good from the supreme legislators without submitting to lawless oppression. By strictly observing these injunctions we become a safeguard to our neighbors and their property, a protection against anarchy and destruction, advancers of civilization, promoters of everything that is useful and calculated to benefit and enrich the country and people wherever we may reside. By our working tools we are taught lessons of obedience to the Great Architect of the Universe, for the plumb-line points out to us that upright, straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our pursuance in the volume of the Sacred Law. The pencil teaches us that our words and actions are recorded by the Almighty Architect of the Universe, to whom we must give an account of our conduct through life. The compasses remind us of His unerring and impartial justice which, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disregarded His divine commands. We are requested to study the liberal arts and sciences which tend so effectually to polish and adorn the mind. It is impossible to tell the vast benefit this Order has been to the human family. We are especially requested to give attention to geometry, for it is of a divine and moral nature, enabling them to trace out nature in a thousand forms. By geometry the architect designs his plans, and the mechanic constructs his building; it regulates the duration of time, seasons, years, cycles and epochs; measures the distance, motions, and magnitude of the earth, and surface. By this science astronomers are able to turn their observations to advantage, thus qualifying man to contemplate the wonderful works of the Great Jehovah, and enabling him to warn us of the approaching eclipse and to explain its cause; also explaining to us the nature and effects of comets, the variety of changes in the stary firmament that are continually taking place, thus banishing from our midst fear at their appearance and divesting our minds of superstitious awe, thereby doing away with many old and barbarous customs; no longer inciting people to offer human and other sacrifices to idolatry, but causing admiration and pleasure at the opportunities afforded us, His creatures, of beholding His beautiful and glorious works: for the Universe is the Temple of the Deity whom we serve. Wisdom, strength and beauty are about His Throne as pillars of His works. For His wisdom is infinite; His strength is omnipotent and beauty shines through the whole of His creation. In symmetry and order the heavens He has stretched forth as a canopy; the earth he has planted as His footstool; He crowns His temple with stars as with a diadem and His hands extend their power and glory; the sun and the moon are messengers of His will and His

law is concord. We are also requested as Free Masons to contemplate our inevitable destiny and guide our reflections to that most interesting of all human studies the knowledge of ourselves. To be careful to perform our allotted task while it is yet day and to continue to listen to the voice of Nature, which bears witness that even in this perishable frame exists a vital and immortal principle which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet. And by His gracious promises we shall be enabled to pass through the arches of our redemption into the mansions of bliss and glory into the presence of Him who is the great "I Am," the alpha and omega, the first and the last.

These are some of the principles and teachings of Free and Accepted Masons, and nothing is inculcated to stimulate mankind to noble and virtuous deeds.

Genuine manhood is the aim and if a brother be but faithful to the principles he has espoused most certainly he will be true to himself, to his fellowmen, his country and his God.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered the Consecration Prayer, and invoked the blessing of the Most High on the Order, the Brethren responding "So mote it be."

The R. E. Church choir then sang the Anthem—"Behold, how good and joyful," the solo being well sustained by Mr. R. E. Green, and the duet by Mrs. H. S. Mason and Mrs. Caldwell.

The public here withdrew, and after the Lodge had been tyled, the W. G. in the East proclaimed "In the name of the Most High, the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, whom we all honor and glory, I dedicate this temple to Free Masonry."

The D.G.M. then strewed corn over the Lodge and proclaimed in the East, West and South with Grand Honors.

The M.W.G. Master in the East proclaimed "In the name of the Most High, the Grand Geomatrician of the Universe to whom we ascribe every good and perfect gift I dedicate this temple to virtue and science."

The S.G. Warden sprinkled wine on the Lodge.

The G.D.C. proclaimed in the East, West and South with Grand Honors.

The M. W. G. M. in the East proclaimed "In the name of the Most High, the Great Architect of the Universe, to

whose laws we ought to submit and humbly obey, I dedicate this temple to Universal Benevolence."

The J. G. Warden poured oil on the Lodge.

The G. D. C. in the East proclaimed in the East, West, and South with Grand Honors.

At one time there was no less than 500 persons gathered in the beautiful Temple. Standing room was scarcely obtainable. The stained glass window (the gift of the Grand Master and Brother Teague) embellished with symbols of the Craft was admired by all who saw it.

After a solemn prayer by the V.·.W.·. the Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till four o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at four o'clock P. M., M.·.W.·.Eli Harrison, Grand Master, presiding.

On the motion of W.·. Bro. Grand Marshal, it was resolved :—

That Clause 6 of the Constitution be struck out, and in lieu thereof the following shall be read: "6. If the Master be not present, the Senior Warden, or in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall take the Chair and rule the Lodge, and may confer Degrees."

On the motion of W.·.Bro. Thos. Trounce, duly seconded, it was resolved :—

That all laws, by-laws, rules and regulations of the craft inconsistant with or repugnant to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as revised by the Board of General Purposes and amended by Grand Lodge at its 7th annual communication, in pursuance with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, are hereby repealed, and the Constitution so amended is hereby adopted as the revised Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

The following Report from the Decoration Committee was read, and on motion received and filed:—

PREAMBLE.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, R.·.W.·. & V.·.W.·. Grand Office Bearers of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia, the Officers and Companions of Columbia R. A. Chapter, and the Officers and Brethren of Subordinate Lodges in Victoria.

We, the undersigned, Members of the Masonic Temple Committee beg to report as follows:—

BUILDING.

The erection and completion of the Masonic Structure which we are now about to occupy has been delayed beyond the original time contemplated,

in part by the unexpected demise of the builder, our late Brother W. E. Wraight (one of the contractors), and partly by the additional time required in the erection of the tower, organ gallery and other improvements, which will add not only to the splendor of the edifice, but conduce much to the comfort of the Brethren, both resident and transient.

Notwithstanding the occasions of delay just enumerated we are in a position to state that the building proper has been completed according to the various contracts, and we venture to hope that it will meet with the approbation of the Brethren generally in this Province and the Fraternity at large.

FURNITURE, &C.

Consequent upon the foregoing unforeseen and unexpected occurences, the time actually at the disposal of the Committee has been exceedingly limited, and therefore the "furnishing" is not as complete as we could have desired, but we trust during the ensuing week to finish our work in keeping with the wishes expressed by the Brethren in Convention.

ORGAN.

We regret that the organ ordered by us out of the Furnishing Fund has not yet come to hand, but we have to thank Messrs M. W. Waitt & Co., for the instrument so promptly and courteously placed at our disposal for this occasion and pending the arrival of our own.

THANKS.

Our thanks are due in full measure to the M.·.W.·. Grand Maste d Bro. Teague, the architect for the beautiful stained glass window j presented by them, as also for their unceasing exertions on all occasions in connection with the erection and completion of the building, the embellishing and furnishing of the interior, and the ready aid gratuitously afforded us in the prosecution of our functions generally, all of which have combined to enhance the splendour of the Temple and bring the same to such a successful issue.

Lastly we have to thank the Brethren generally for the readiness with which they have provided funds for the erection of the Temple and also for the liberality of their donations on each and every occasion, which have not only far exceeded our most sanguine expectations but very materially lessened our responsibilities and sweetened our labors.

EDWARD CROW BAKER,
S. W. Secretary.
R. B. McMICKING,
W. M. NO. 2.
ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
P. P. Z. Col. R. A. C. 120.

On motion duly seconded and carried, it was resolved: "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the members of the choir of the R. E. Church, the Architect, and the Decoration Committee for their services."

The labors of this Communication being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer.

In the evening a grand ball was held at the Pavilion Skating Rink in commemoration of the opening of the Temple. The ball-room was tastefully decorated with flags, &c., the ladies dresses, many of which were very handsome, with the regalia of the brotherhood, and the gold lace of the officers of the navy, combined to give a brilliant and animated appearance to the room. Dancing was kept up unremittingly till the small hours. The supper, which was provided by Comp. Astrico, was one of the finest ever given, and was done due justice to by the guests, who numbered 200.

Eli Harrison Jr
Grand Secty

REVISED CONSTITUTION

AND

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OF THE

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

In view of the many and important changes, which this Book of Constitutions will make, in the government of the Craft in British Columbia, it is desirable that the Brethren generally should make themselves acquainted with its provisions.

The Master, Wardens and Members of the respective Lodges are enjoined to give special attention to those portions headed:

"*Private Lodges.*"
"*Masters and Wardens of Lodges.*"
"*Members and their duty.*"
"*Proposing Members.*"

Eli Harrison Jr
Grand Secty

Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

This Revised Constitution and General Regulations, adopted 28th October, 1878, is published by authority of the Grand Lodge.

Eli Harrison Jr
Grand Secty

Grand Secretary's Office,
Victoria, B. C., May, 1879.

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Charges of a Free Mason:

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FOR THE USE OF LODGES.

TO BE READ AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

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THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREE MASON, &c.

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V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.

VI. Of Behaviour, viz.:

1. In the lodge while constituted.
2. After the lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
3. When Brethren meet without strangers, but not in a lodge formed.
4. In presence of strangers, not Masons.
5. At home and in your neighborhood.
6. Towards a strange brother.

VII. Antient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

The Charges of a Free Mason, &c.

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating frendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME, AND SUBORDINATE.

A mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interests of the community; and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of

their adversaries and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—OF LODGES.

A lodge is a place where free masons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of masons, is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulation of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admited members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discret age and sound judgment, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he be a *perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body*, that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs, and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the warden and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellow craft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N. B.—In antient times no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All masons shall work honestly on working days that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master or overseer of the lord's work; who is to be called master by all who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he may really deserve.

Both the master and the masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work

under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or munity, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall free masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers and unaccepted masons, as they should teach a brother or fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOR, Viz.:

1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees, or seperate conversation, without leave from the master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens, or any brother speaking to the master: nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use an unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies, (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying any thing offensive, or that may forbid an

easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudible purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above-mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS, NOT MASONS.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends, and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge, &c.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with

contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man and true, before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally,—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love the foundation and cape stone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbitting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of master and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or lawsuit, without wrath and rancour, (not in the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, *so mote it be.*

Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS *to be read by the Grand Secretary, (or acting Secretary), to the* MASTER-ELECT, *prior to his Installation into the Chair of the Lodge.*

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of free masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of free masonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art, as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the grand master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the grand lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communication and committees of the grand lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of free masonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the grand master and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and no public processions of masons clothed with the badges of the order can take place without the special license of the grand master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a free mason, or admitted a member of any lodge, without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the grand lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge.

At the conclusion, the grand master or installing officer shall address the master elect, as follows:—"Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations as masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative the ceremony of installation shall proceed.

REVISED CONSTITUTION

AND

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Adopted 28th October, 1878.

TITLE.

The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the Grand Tyler), with all Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge, the Masters and Wardens of all private lodges (duly returned), and all past Masters (duly returned), being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a Past Grand Master, unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge, he was either a Master or Past Master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the Worshipful Master, nor the Wardens of the lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal may delegate any Master Masons in good standing to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy, previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary

of the lodge; and no brother can represent by proxy more than one vote. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before the communication of the Grand Lodge.

OF OFFICES.

1. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The Grand Master or Presiding Officer, at the annual communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for Grand Officers, from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

3. The election and appointment of all officers of Grand Lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested in ancient form.

4. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall consist of

The	Most	Worshipful	Grand Master,
"	Right	"	Deputy Grand Master,
"	"	"	Senior Grand Warden,
"	"	"	Junior Grand Warden,
"	Very	"	Grand Chaplain,
"	"	"	Grand Treasurer,
"	"	"	Grand Secretary,
		"	Grand Deacons,
		"	Grand Superintend'nt of W'ks,
		"	Grand Director of Ceremonies
		"	Grand Marshal,
		"	Grand Swordbearer,
		"	Grand Standardbearer,
		"	Grand Organist,
		"	Grand Pursuivant,
			Grand Stewards of the Year,
			Grand Tyler.

The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
" Right " Deputy Grand Master,
" " " Senior Grand Warden,
" " " Junior Grand Warden,
" Very " Grand Chaplain,
" " " Grand Treasurer,
" " " Grand Secretary,
Grand Tyler.

6. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz.:—

Worshipful Grand Deacons,
" " Superintendent of Works,
" " Director of Ceremonies,
" " Marshal,
" " Swordbearer,
" " Standardbearer,
" " Organist,
" " Pursuivant,
" " Stewards.

7. The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—

The Grand Master,
Past Grand Masters according to seniority,
Deputy Grand Master,
Past " " Masters,
Senior Grand Warden,
Past " " Wardens,
Junior Grand Warden,
Past " " Wardens,
Grand Chaplain,
Past " Chaplains,
Grand Treasurer,
Past " Treasurers,
Grand Secretary,
Past " Secretarys,
Senior Grand Deacon,
Past " " Deacons,
Junior Grand Deacon,
Past " " Deacons,
Grand Superintendent of Works,
Past " Superintendent of Works,
Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Past " Directors of Ceremonies,

Grand Marshal,
Past " Marshals,
Grand Swordbearer,
Past " Swordbearers,
Grand Standardbearer,
Past " Standardbearers,
Grand Organist,
Past " Organists,
Grand Pursuivant,
Past " Pursuivants,
Grand Stewards of the Year,

And the Masters, Past Masters, and present Wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number, of their respective lodge warrants.

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot, and the candidate then having the highest number of legal votes, shall be declared duly elected.

9. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge (except the office of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler), unless he shall have been regularly installed Worshipful Master of a private lodge.

10. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

11. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

12. No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

13. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, previous to the annual communication, the Master, Wardens, or other representatives of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

14. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmittted to the Grand Secretary's office.

15. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden at the city of Victoria on the Saturday in June immediately preceding St. John's Day, in each year.

16. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master, or like absence, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold a Grand Lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion, the good of the Craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

17. If at any Grand Lodge, annual or emergent, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior lodge. And the power of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

18. By the ancient constitutions and usages of free masonry, the Grand Lodge, as the Supreme masonic authority in this Province, is invested with certain original, essential, and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding, all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing lodges, of preserving the established systems of work and lectures, of issuing warrants for new lodges, and of suspending or revoking the same.

19. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, or Committee appointed by Grand Lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of masonry.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the Grand Lodge.
   Reading and confirmation of minutes.
   Communications from the Grand and Deputy Grand Master.
   Reports from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
   Reports from the Board of General Purposes, Committees, etc.
   Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.
   Money grants.
   Deferred business.
   Election and installation of officers.
   New business.
   Closing the Grand Lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by the highest number of legal votes, each subordinate lodge having three votes, each officer and member of Grand Lodge (except the Grand Tyler) one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equal division, unless the lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified in the manner usual among Masons, which the Grand Deacons are to count unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Everyone who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least six weeks before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition shall be made unless with the consent of the highest number of legal votes present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the Grand Lodge to move a resolution or an amendment or an amendment to an amendment, but no further amendment shall be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The Grand Master and the elective Grand officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election and according to ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Wardens shall immediately summon a Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

4. If the Grand Lodge shall resolve to be represented in a Sister Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such Grand Lodge in a Sister Grand Lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a Sister Grand Lodge, a member

of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right, and the master of lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the lodge, or any master masons, to act as his Wardens *pro tempore.*

6. The Grand Master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The Grand Master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrants, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge.

8. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the Grand Secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. If present, he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the Grand Master, as hereinafter provided, the Deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the Master of the lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore.* If no past Grand Wardens be present the Grand Master may

direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or in any way belonging to Grand Lodge, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the Board of General Purposes, and these accounts shall be audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in December.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The Grand Secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, Board of General Purposes, and of any Committee of which he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge; to transmit to all lodges

the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes; to notify all lodges annually, of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the Board of General Purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay them before the Grand Master, or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct, to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive, credit and record all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer; to take the custody of the Grand Lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the Grand Master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been or should be done, by a Grand Secretary.

3. The Grand Secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the Craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; with as full and particular account as possible, of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the Province.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The Grand Deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer may appoint any members of Grand Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND MARSHAL, GRAND SWORDBEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARDBEARER, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal, Grand Swordbearer, Organist and Pursuivant, Stewards and Standardbearer, are to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

3. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission, be admitted.

4. The Grand Master may appoint not more than six Grand Stewards for the regulation of grand festivals under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

5. A Grand Standardbearer shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication. He must be a Master Mason, and shall carry the standard of the Grand Lodge.

6. The Grand Organist shall be a Master Mason, and be appointed and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master or Presiding Officer.

7. The Grand Tyler is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

8. If any Grand Tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

9. Members of the Grand Lodge that shall cease to contribute for a period of two years to a Subordinate Lodge in this or some other jurisdiction, shall be deprived of all honors and rank he or they may have attained in this Grand Lodge, except as may be otherwise decided by special vote.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy

Grand Master, (who shall be ex-officio President), the Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and six other members, to be elected at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge; provided always that not more than three members are elected from any one lodge.

2. The Board shall elect one of its members to be Vice-President. Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the members shall elect a Chairman *pro tempore*. The Presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the members of the Board by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy; and the Grand Secretary shall inform the Board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

4. The Grand Secretary is to act as Secretary of the Board, and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the Board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The Board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the Grand Master and an appeal to the Grand Lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within one month after the decision of the Board. The Board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to Grand Lodge.

8. The Board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books papers and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the Board

or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board considers its decision.

10. The Board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts presented to the Grand Lodge, and if found correct, recommend their payment. It may also order the payment by the Grand Treasurer, of any petty expenses of the Grand Secretary's office, or any other office, in connection with the Grand Lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in any one year, must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The Board may recommend to the Grand Lodge for its adoption, whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the Craft.

12. The Board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted all matters referred by Grand Lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the Grand Master, in reference to the good government of the Craft; it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to *the Board.*

13. The Board shall, previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, appoint three Masters, or Past Masters of lodges, as a committee of credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE BY-LAWS.

1. The Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said Fund.

2. All moneys due, and all funds invested, belonging to the Fund of Benevolence, shall be under the control of the Board of General Purposes, and shall be disposed of as the said Board may direct, subject to the following rules:

3. Each Lodge in British Columbia contributing to the Fund of Benevolence shall pay one dollar and fifty cents per annum, for each member on the books of the Lodge, and five dollars for every candidate that may be raised, and two dollars for every affiliation from a Lodge not within the Province, which moneys shall be paid half-yearly to the Grand Secretary; and the Grand Secretary shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, and said moneys shall be devoted to charity.

4. No Mason initiated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, shall receive the benefits of this Fund, unless he has paid the full consideration fee, and been registered on the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a contributing member to this Fund for at least two years, and during that period paid his dues in full, and shall be at the time of his application, in good standing. The limitation of two years, however, shall not apply to the cases of shipwreck, or loss by fire, breaking or dislocation of limbs, or other unavoidable accidents that may be fully attested and proved, or to Brethren initiated prior to the year 1870 in a Lodge contributing to this Fund, and who has continued his subscription up to the time of application for moneys from said Fund.

5. Applications for relief must be by petition, stating name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the Brother requesting relief; and the number of the Lodge in which, and the time when he was initiated, and of the Lodge of which he is a member at the time of application. Every petition must be supported by resolution of the Lodge of which the Brother is a member, signed by the Master and Wardens; and in no case shall a larger sum than $50 be given at one time.

The petition shall be in the form following: "We being the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. , do hereby certify that Bro. has been a regular contributing member, paying the stipulated subscription to a contributing Lodge, for the space of years, and that the said Brother is in good standing, and is in need of a larger amount of assistance than this Lodge is able to afford. We therefore request that he, being eligible, may receive from the Fund of Benevolence, the sum of dollars. Dated at this day of A. L., 58 ."

6. Widows and orphans of deceased Bro. Masons who would have been entitled to receive assistance from this Fund at the time of their death, shall be entitled to assistance from the Fund of Benevolence. Such applications must be accompanied by the certificate of the Grand Secretary, as to the deceased Brother, or satisfactory proof from the Lodge of which he was last a member.

7. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, it shall be lawful for the Committee hereinafter mentioned, in cases of distress, to afford relief to transient Brethren of other Grand Lodges, provided they have contributed to some Lodge within twelve months prior to their application, and are not under suspicion of suspension or expulsion, and can produce proper Vouchers. Such relief shall not exceed $10 at one time. But in no case shall relief be given to transient Brethren who have neglected to contribute to some Lodge within the above period. Nor shall any person be allowed to draw more than $75 within three months from this Fund except by vote of Grand Lodge. Nor during any year shall there be expended more than the income received during the preceding year from the Lodges, interest on accumulated funds excepted, nor shall any persons, except transient Brethren, be entitled to receive relief from this Fund who are domiciled out of the Province.

8. In the City of Victoria, and places where there are more than one Lodges five duly appointed Brethren from the different Lodges, shall form a committee to inquire into cases of distress of transient Brethren, and to relieve them, and of such committee three shall form a quorum. In places where there is but one Lodge, all such matters shall be attended to by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, but in all such cases it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to refuse all applications that may be irregular or contrary to the provisions of the By-laws of the Fund of Benevolence, or amendments thereto, until such applications be approved by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge.

No person shall be allowed to become a pensioner on the Fund of Benevolence, and repeated applications from the same parties are to be discouraged.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a Lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, Inner Guard and Tyler, and such other officers as the

lodge shall see fit to appoint or elect, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall, annually, elect its Master, two Wardens, Treasurer and Tyler, by written ballot. But no member shall be eligible for the position of W. M. unless he has previously filled one of the Wardens chairs, unless by special dispensation of the M. W. the Grand Master. At the next regular meeting following the elections, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, the Master and other elective officers shall be installed according to ancient usage; the Master shall then appoint the other officers and instal them into office.

3. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed is not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may by a majority vote declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

4. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulation of the Grand Lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Secretary, for the approbation of the Grand Master; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

5. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

6. The Master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge whenever he may deem it expedient.

7. The Master is responsible that a book or books be kept in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

8. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the Grand Master.

9. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the Grand Secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge until the removal be properly notified.

10. A lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

11. Every lodge shall keep a book, in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the lodge, with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

12. The precedency of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

13. No lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation; nor until they have been balloted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the Province, be balloted for in the same or any other lodge within six

months from the time of such rejection; every lodge rejecting a candidate shall, forthwith, notify every lodge in the Province of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred upon any Brother at a less interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree.

14. No lodge in the Province of British Columbia shall make a mason for a less consideration than fifty dollars. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

15. The Master shall see that all monies received or paid on account of the lodge, are entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the lodge

16. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate,. to be paid for by the lodge.

17. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

18. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend any public or private gathering in masonic clothing, which is not permitted by the Constitution, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

19. Every lodge has the power of suspending or expelling a member for unmasonic conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the

cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be recorded on the minutes of the next regular meeting, and every lodge in the Province shall be notified thereof. No Master Mason shall be retained on the books of a lodge as in good standing who is six months in arrears of dues, unless by special vote of his lodge; neither shall E. A. or Fellow Crafts be retained as members who have not made such proficiency as may entitle them to receive higher degrees.

20. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot on application to the lodge, and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the Grand Secretary and to every lodge in the Province.

21. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to, and are the property of, the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of such lodge.

22. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a lodge, must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

23. The majority of the members of a lodge when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge; because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

24. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the first day of November, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in Grand Lodge as Past Masters, as having served the office of Master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such Past Masters have served the office of Master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

25. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 1st day of November, to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The Master and Wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the Grand

Lodge, or sitting upon any committee, until those returns and payments have been completed.

26. By a vote of the lodge the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

27. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrants and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the Grand Master, or other constituted authority.

28. As every warrant lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven; otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the Grand Lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

29. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer the complaint made.

30. If any lodge, or its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the Grand Master, his Deputy, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge, which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

31. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, or Board of General Purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No Master

elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and a confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

2. Every Master elect, before being placed in the chair, shall in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The Master, Wardens, and members of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among free masons.

4. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the Master die, be removed or incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden the Junior Warden, shall act as Master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the Master be not present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the lodge and may confer degrees.

7. A Past Master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The Master and Wardens of every lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, his Deputy, the Grand Lodge, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension and being reported to the next Grand Lodge.

9. No Warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The Tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the Craft relating to the proposing and admtting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (*See "Proposing Member."*)

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge or such part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or

expelled, as the Grand Lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute books of his lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purposes of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between, or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to the Board of General Purposes, or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any regulation or law of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or to expulsion.

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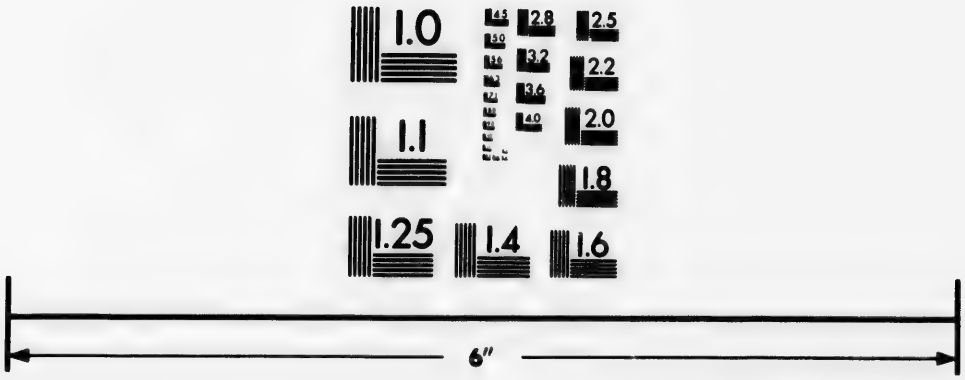

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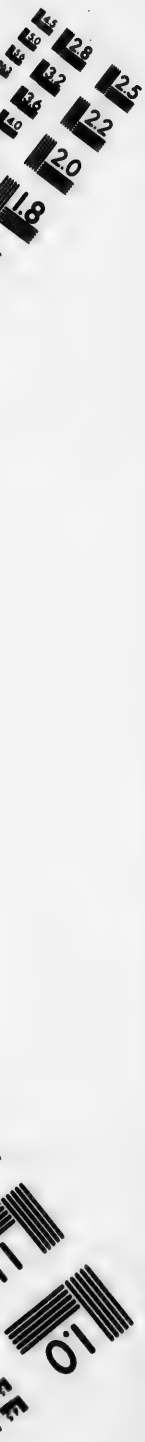
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OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular lodge, may by a vote of the lodge be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge in a regular meeting—previous notice of an intention to confer the right, and the name, residence, and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate, and also the certificate of the former lodge, is to be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of royal naval and military men, no person shall be made a member unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission, or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the Worshipful Master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate; nor until his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is

nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member; appoint a committee as before provided; and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period not exceeding seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and the emergency stated to be recorded in the minute-book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be free born, and at the time of initiation be known to be in reputable circumstance. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must at the time of his application subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz:—

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of
Lodge, No , British Columbia :

I, , of the of , in the district of , aged years, by occupation , being a free man and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity; and I do also declare that I have not made application for

admission into any other lodge during the last six months.

Witness my hand this day of A. L., 58 .

Recommended by
..... } (Signed)
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6. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, if on ballot *three* black balls appear against his application; and *one* black ball shall be sufficient to reject a candidate for the degrees.

7. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft,—and he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his receiving the Master's degree; and a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

8. A rejected candidate for the degrees cannot be balloted for in the same or any other lodge, within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the Secretary, under the direction of the Worshipful Master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by the special licence and authority of the Grand Master. The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such licence is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed

to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, well vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The Master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the Province, and not affiliated with some lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge or town in the place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate, immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay two dollars. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee make a remittance of the money for the certificate.

2. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the Worshipful Master or Secretary of any duly warranted lodge; otherwise it shall be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless conferred under dispensation from the Grand Master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless it be at his own request, or that of his friends, nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of Master Mason. When the wish of the deceased or his friends shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the Master shall apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation.

2. When a Master Mason from beyond the Province of British Columbia shall die within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the provisions of the Constitutions relating to deceased member of lodges of British Columbia shall apply as far as practicable; any Master of a lodge may take the direction of the funeral, and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

3. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the Grand Master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the

delay necessary to communicate with the Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, or in his absence the brother ruling the lodge, shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the services report his proceedings in full to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary.

4. In case of a masonic funeral the Master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the Master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or in case of a stranger brother the Master of the lodge which assumes the control of the ceremonies. If the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be present he may at any time take charge.

5. If any brother shall attend as a mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at any public procession except a masonic funeral, or at any public or private gathering not organized by the constitution, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine therein.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the Grand Lodge when congregated is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of appeal must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the Grand Lodge:

For granting a new warrant, Fifty Dollars.
" dispensation for a new lodge, Thirty Dollars.
" warrant of confirmation, Twenty Dollars.
" new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, Fifteen Dollars.

For a dispensation to confer a degree in less time than laid down in the constitution, Fifteen Dollars.

For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral, Five Dollars.

For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each candidate.

For a Grand Lodge certificate, Two Dollars.

For every person initiated in a lodge, One Dollar.
" " passed Fellowship "
" " raised Master Mason "

For every entered apprentice or fellow craft, joining from without the jurisdiction, Five Dollars.

For any dispensation not provided for in this table, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents.

For every master mason joining from another lodge, Fifty Cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, One Dollar.

For every member each lodge shall pay toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, One Dollar and Fifty Cents per annum.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the Grand Lodge.

The following is the form of petition:—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart are anxious to exert our

best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art; and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named.....; in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at.....in the district of..... on the .....of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.).... to be first Master, brother (C. D.) .....to be first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.).....to be first Junior Warden of said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

In order to avoid irregularities every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master, with his Deputy and Wardens; or in the absence of the Grand Master, by his Deputy, who shall choose some Master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand Officer or Master of a lodge to act as Deputy *pro tempore.*

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft, and that only; and no brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

In respect to the jewels and regalia of the Grand Lodge it may be mentioned that those of the late Provincial Grand Lodge, R. S., have been temporarily adopted.

The jewels and regalia of subordinate lodges are as follows, it being understood that lodges of this jurisdiction already supplied in this respect, may continue the adoption and use of the same as long as they so desire:—

Masters of Lodges.....The square.

Past Masters.....The square and the diagram of the 47th prob., 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden.....The level.
Junior Warden.....The plumb.
Chaplain.....A book on a triangle.
Treasurer.....The key.
Secretary.....The cross pens.
Deacons.....The dove.
Directors of Ceremonies..The cross rods.
Organist.....The lyre.
Inner Guard.....The cross swords.
Stewards.....The cornucopia.
Tyler.....The sword.

All the above jewels to be silver.

COLLARS.

Of Lodges.....To be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

All past grand officers, except Past Grand Masters, (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collar of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but a smaller jewel in enamel being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.....A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep; square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow-craft .....A plain white lamb-skin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason. ....The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of their apron.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges...To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Masters' apron, perpendicular lines upon

horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge, according to the ancient usages of masons:—

A lodge is duly formed, and after prayer, an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The Grand Master is then informed by the Grand Secretary, or acting Grand Secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc.

The minutes of the lodge while under dispensation, are likewise read, and being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the Grand Master. The Grand Master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant, to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form, an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written; and the Grand Master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the brethren, the Grand Master asks his Deputy if he hath examined them, and found the candidate-Master well skilled in the noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The Deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the Grand Master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the Grand Master, saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed Master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty; and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the Grand Master placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: I appoint you the Master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge, etc., with some other expressions

that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the Deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a Master, and the Grand Master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as Masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the Grand Master shall, by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages, instal him, and present him with a book of constitution, the lodge book, and the instruments of his office, one after another; and, after each of them, the Grand Master or his Deputy, shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this, the members of the new lodge, bowing altogether to the Grand Master, shall return thanks, and immediately do their homage to their new Master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him, by the usual congratulation.

The Deputy and the Grand Wardens, and any other brethren present, that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new Master; and he shall return his acknowledgement to the Grand Master first, and to the rest in their order.

Then the Grand Master desires the new Master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in naming his Wardens; and the new Master, calling forth the two brothers presents them to the Grand Master for his approbation. That being granted, the Senior or Junior Grand Warden, shall rehearse the charge of Wardens; and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new Master shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new Master shall present them with the instruments of their office, and induct them in due form in their proper place; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new Wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge, and those appointed, are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the Grand Master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ADOPTED BY GRAND LODGE, A. D. 1877.

The Board would recommend that each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction do have a black-board placed in a conspicuous position within their Lodge. Also that the second section referring to visitors, page 45 of the book of Constitutions, be placed on the black-board of every Lodge of this Province. Also that brethren who are in arrears and who have received summons under seal of their Lodge to show cause why they have not paid their dues, and treat the same with contumacy, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge suspended for un-Masonic conduct. And further, that all names of suspended or expelled members shall be placed on the black-board of the Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

Eighth Annual Communication.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, commenced its Eighth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, Douglas Street, Victoria, on Saturday, the 21st day of June, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5879, at 2 P.M.

Upon calling the Roll there were found to be present the following

GRAND OFFICERS :

M.·.W.·.Bro.	Eli Harrison	Grand Master.	
R.·.W.·. "	Coote M. Chambers	Senior Grand Warden.	
" "	Henry Brown	Junior "	"
V.·.W.·. "	H. H. Mogg	Grand Chaplain.	
" "	M. W. Waitt	"	Treasurer.
" "	Eli Harrison, Jr	"	Secretary.
W.·. "	T. Trounce	"	Supt. of Works.
" "	W. Harrison, No. 2	"	Director of Ceremonies
" "	R. B. McMicking	"	Steward.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

R.·.W.·.Bro.	William Dalby	Past Senior Grand Warden.	
" "	Cornelius Thorne	"	" "
V.·.W.·. "	H. F. Heisterman	"	Grand Secretary.

With the Representatives of five chartered Lodges.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Oregon, Washington, New Brunswick, Canada, Florida, Kentucky, Germany, Manitoba.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master filled the vacant offices by the following appointments *pro tempore :*

R.·.W.·.Bro. Wm. Dalby.....Deputy Grand Master.
W.·. " W. T. Livock ....Senior Grand Deacon.
R.·.W.·. " C. Thorne.....Junior " "
W.·. " E. C. Baker. .....Grand Marshal.
" " A. R. Milne..... " Sword Bearer.
" " R. B. McMicking..... " Pursuivant.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was then opened in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer by V.·.W.·. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master announced the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

W.·.Bro. E. C. Baker, W. M. Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1,
" " R. B. McMicking, W.M. Vancouver & Quadra Lodge, No. 2,
R.·.W.·. " C. M. Chambers, (proxy) W.M. Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 7,
V.·.W.·. " Eli Harrison, Jr., Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment for half an hour to allow the Committee on Credentials time to examine the same and make their Report.

The Grand Lodge being called to labor again V.·.W.·. Bro, Eli Harrison, Jr., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

VICTORIA, B. C., 21st June, 1879.

TO THE M.·.W.·. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that—

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, is represented by the W. M. and S. W.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, is fully represented.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, is represented by Bro. A. C. Muir, proxy for W.M., R. K. McLachlan, proxy for S. W.

Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, is not represented.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, is fully represented by Coote M. Chambers for W. M., Wm. Dalby for S W., and H. F. Heisterman for J. W.

Union Lodge is represented by the W. M. and the S. W.

The proxies for Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, are not duplicate as Constitution requires.

As further proxies are expected during the afternoon, your Committee would ask to be allowed to complete their report on arrival.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
R. B. McMICKING,
COOTE M. CHAMBERS,
ELI HARRISON, Jr., Grand Secretary.

On motion the report was received, the rule as to duplicate proxies was suspended so as to admit of the proxies of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Union Lodge, No. 9, and all the Representatives mentioned in said report were admitted to seats and Committee accordingly discharged.

The Grand Secretary then read the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Communication, held on the 16th February and following days, A.D. 1878, A.L. 5878, and also of the Emergency Meetings of 22nd April, A.D. 1878, and October 28th, A.D. 1878, which on motion, were confirmed.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN :

By the will of God, in whom we as Masons put our trust, I am thankful to be afforded the opportunity of meeting you on this the Eighth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and now place in your hands again the authority you so kindly and unanimously bestowed upon me at our last regular Communication. I hope in placing before you the report of my official labors you will find they have been satisfactorily performed. If I have been over zealous in some matters, it was from a desire to see this ancient and glorious fraternity wielding to the utmost extent its benign influence in this Province, so that justice, peace and order might be assisted to become permanent features of this our adopted home. If I have failed to satisfy your expectations, it has not been through a desire to disappoint, but in consequence of a want of time, means and ability, and I, therefore, feel confident you will extend to me that truly Masonic virtue, Charity.

NEW MASONIC HALL.

Allow me to congratulate the Craft in Victoria on the zeal and devotion to the Order they have shown in this work, which I believe gives satisfaction to all interested. Although the property has cost two thousand dollars more than contemplated, the present rents return good interest on the money invested, while there is 124 feet frontage remaining of the land to build on or lease, and there is yet one store unoccupied. When the remainder of this property is utilized, few investments in the City of Victoria will be equal to the one in question. How gratifying this must be when we consider that in

September, 1877, the first $100 was advanced for this purpose, and now the work is completed and all the liabilities have been paid without borrowing or obtaining any money outside of the Order.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On February 25th, 1878, I appointed R.·.W.·. P.S.G. Warden Bro. Nutt, to visit Union Lodge, New Westminster, Mount Hermon Lodge, Moodyville, Cariboo Lodge, Barkerville, and the Brethren at Yale. That R.·.W.·. Brother reports he was well received in each of those Lodges, and by the Brethren at Yale. They were pleased to see the work exemplified by him, and to receive information on Masonic subjects, thus evincing proper appreciation of one so qualified to impart instruction as is that R.·.W.·. Brother.

On January 2nd, 1879, I had the pleasure, in company with Grand Lodge Officers, of visiting Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and installed the Officers. After the business of the Lodge the Brethren present were invited to a banquet by the Brethren of that Lodge. The large and beautiful Hall with its handsome decorations and furniture well filled with members of the Craft in regalia was a fine sight, and the brotherly love which prevailed gave a good illustration of "how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

On January 15th, 1879, I visited Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, and installed the Officers of that Lodge. After the installation the work was exemplified in the third degree, to the pleasure of all present, for every officer was perfect in his work, and instructions were imparted to the Candidate in such a manner that he could well understand the nature of the work in which he was engaged and the duties he was expected to perform. The Officers of this Lodge deserve great credit for the able manner in which they fulfilled their respective duties, and it would be difficult to surpass the manner in which in their several stations they illustrated the sublime principles of our Order.

On May 6th, 1879, I visited Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, was well received, and very much pleased with the steady improvement the Craft have made there since I first had the pleasure of visiting a Masonic Lodge in that city some ten years ago, in company with District Grand Master Burnaby and the District Grand Officers under the jurisdiction of England. There were then two Lodges struggling for existence, but as you are aware they afterwards amalgamated under their present title and are now doing well. Ashlar Lodge now numbers seventy members, their fine Hall will soon be out of debt, and their property is making a handsome return for the money invested in it. The work was exemplified during my visit in the third degree and reflected great credit on the Officers of the Lodge, especially W.M. Stewart and P.M. Brown.

On May 13th, 1879, I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, accompanied by R.·.W.·. J.G.W. H. Brown, V.·.W.·. G.S Eli Harrison, Jr., Bro. E. C. Baker, W.M. of Victoria Columbia Lodge, and Bro. McCulloch of Ashlar Lodge. An emergency meeting was held, and the Brethren gave us a hearty welcome. The work was exemplified in the first degree and satisfactorily carried on, particularly by P.M. J. C. Hughes and W.M. Kelly. The Brethren of this

Lodge are zealous Masons, but the Lodge has not yet recovered from the troubles caused by the late D D.G.M. under the English jurisdiction.

I was suprised to meet so many old Masonic acquaintances who had demitted, and very much pleased to find that some of them intend to become active members again. There ought to be a very good Lodge in New Westminster from the good material already belonging to the Lodge and the importance of the city, and surely the day is not far distant when Union Lodge will take a place second to none other in the Province.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

My attention has been called by several Grand Lodges, especially by the Grand Lodge of England, to the actions of the Grand Orient of France. At their regular communication in 1877, they removed from their Constitution one of the most vital principles of Masonry, namely, the requiring candidates to express a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. This belief being the chief corner stone on which our institution is founded, if removed must undermine the whole superstructure.

I would, therefore, request this Grand Lodge to require the Lodges in this jurisdiction to refuse the admission of visitors unless they declare their belief in God.

Should any of the members of that Grand Orient come among us destitute, altho' it will be our painful duty to refuse to recognize them as Masons, let us not forget our duties towards them as fellowmen, but let us relieve them in their hour of need, hoping that the Grand Orient will soon see the necessity of adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order and that fraternal relations may be re-established between that body and the Craft at large. I am glad that I am able to inform the Grand Lodge that there is a large number of Lodges in France who refuse to adopt the action of the Grand Orient.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Grand Lodge of Colon are both claiming jurisdiction in the Island of Cuba, and are both seeking recognition. Why should not these Brethren become united? There would then be no difficulty in granting recognition. Let the Brethren in that beautiful Island try those Masonic virtues, Prudence and Charity. We may then have the satisfaction of hearing that their difficulties are settled. I would therefore suggest that the subject of their recognition be deferred for further consideration.

Although this Grand Lodge is in communication with almost every Grand Lodge in the world, yet, for the past seven years we have had no communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. For some time before this Grand Lodge was formed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, which then existed in this Province, and the Lodges under her charge, received no communication or attention of any kind from Scotland. I cannot avoid noticing the contrast between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland in this respect. The Grand Lodge of England after due consideration acknowledged this Grand Lodge, and by request returned to the Lodges formerly under her jurisdiction their Charters, which now adorn the walls of some of our Lodge rooms. She also appointed a Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge. Similar courtesies have been long and anxiously looked

for by the Lodges in this Province which formerly composed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, but they have been disappointed.

After this long silence I recently received a circular from the Grand Lodge of Scotland requesting this Grand Lodge not to recognize certain Brethren who have formed a Grand Lodge in New South Wales. I have read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the different letters relating to this matter, and, subject to the decision of Grand Lodge, my own impression is that the Craft in New South Wales would do much better if they had control of their own affairs. The correspondence on this subject will be placed before you for your consideration.

The jurisdiction of Quebec has been infringed upon by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who has granted charters for several Lodges in that Province to the annoyance of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Several Grand Lodges have expressed their disapproval of this usurpation and have interdicted the Grand Lodge of Scotland until the difficulty is settled, which I hope will soon occur, as no good can result from such unfriendly proceedings.

With these exceptions, all is peace and harmony, and I may state that we are in communication with more than sixty Grand Lodges, scattered over every part of the globe, having enrolled under their respective banners hundreds of thousands of true and faithful Craftsmen, ever ready to impart instructions to those who are found worthy, and it is with regret that I am unable to find language capable of expressing the gratitude I feel towards these Grand Bodies for their Proceedings, and the many beautifully bound and instructive books they have forwarded to this Grand Lodge, gleaming with light and intelligence, suitable for any library and a credit to any institution. May the time come when the history of this Grand Lodge shall have accumulated such a fund of Masonic information and be in a position to fully reciprocate the many kind favors we are now receiving. It is a pleasure to look at the handsome volumes sent from the following Grand Lodges:—Illinois, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Maine, Kansas, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, Massachusetts, Oregon, New Brunswick, &c.

The V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary has received communications from several Lodges and Brethren returning thanks to the M.·.W.·. G. M. and Brethren of this Grand Lodge for courtesies shown. These will be read for your information by the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Brethren as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:—

For Kentucky, W.·. Superintendent of Works, Bro. T. Trounce;
" Wyoming, R.·.W.·. G. J. Warden, Bro. H. Brown;
" Vermont, V.·.W.·. P. G. Deacon, Bro. J. C. Hughes;
" Idaho, W.·. P. G. S., Bro. Stewart;
" Indian Territory, V.·.W.·. P. D. C., Bro. Shotbolt;
" Missouri, W.·. G. S., Bro. McMicking;
" California, V.·.W.·. P. G. D., Bro. M. Bate;
" Grand Lodge Zur Sonne Bairenth, Germany, Bro. Heisterman.

Bro. Powell, demitted. Bro. Graham, removed from the Province.

I have received several circulars from the New York and Chicago Masonic Mutual Insurance Association. This same plan I think could be turned to good advantage in our Province, as we have the Government Savings Bank in which to place any surplus funds, and by adopting a proper system insurance premiums would be very light. Two hundred and fifty up to one thousand dollars would be very useful to many families at the loss of a father or relative. Such a scheme would, however, have to be entirely distinct from the Lodges or the Grand Lodge, simply an organization amongst the Craft for that special purpose, if any of the Brethren were desirous of adopting the suggestion.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Scythe of Time continues to gather in those who are near and dear to us. Although the deaths are few in connection with the Craft, there have been more in the Province than usual this year, and are of such a nature as to cast a gloom over our thoughts and remind us to be prepared for our inevitable destiny. We have lost six Brethren in this city, all of them prominent men, and four of them old and very much respected citizens; most of them active members of the Order; amongst these I may mention R.·.W.·. D. G. Master Vinter, called from us in the prime of life.

It is with much regret I inform you that Ashlar Lodge has withdrawn from the Fund of Benevolence. This Fund is steadily increasing, and if it continues to be managed as it has been for the last few years, we shall soon see the result of the care and attention that has been given to this philanthropic scheme. The Trustees of this Grand Lodge with the consent of the B. G. P. have taken shares in our new Masonic Hall with the surplus funds. The interest on these shares will bring in several hundred dollars per annum, and the fund is steadily increasing. We may thus feel satisfied that ere long every Lodge in the Province will gladly avail themselves of the privilege of contributing to so laudable an object as that of helping those who are in need of a larger amount of assistance than these Lodges are individually able to give, and for the assistance of transient Brethren. It must be a proud satisfaction to every Free Mason who reads of the large benefits dispensed to the widows, orphans, and old and helpless Masons, by many Grand Lodges. These Grand Lodges have had their day of small things, but continued in their noble and grand designs until they have been crowned with success; and let us follow their good and glorious example.

Brethren, I have to ask your sanction to a payment of twenty-five dollars made from the Benevolent Fund in favor of Bro. William Moss, of New Orleans, State of Louisiana. This Brother was out of employment and in destitute circumstances; he had also received letters stating that his father, mother, brother and sisters had all died of the yellow fever, that he was desirous of returning home, and if he could get to San Francisco he had friends there who would give him the assistance he required. The W. Masters of both the Lodges in the city being absent P. M. Bro. Shotbolt and V.·.W.·. Grand Treasurer Bro. Waitt brought the circumstance to my notice, and it appeared to be one of those cases that required prompt attention. This action not being strictly in accordance with the Benevolent Fund, it requires to be ratified by the Grand Lodge.

The following questions have been submitted for my opinion during my term of office:—

QUESTION.—A candidate was duly elected in open Lodge, but before receiving the Degrees a Brother who was not present and did not know that the candidate's petition was before the Lodge, objected to the candidate receiving the Degrees. Should the Brother's objection be sustained?

ANSWER.—The harmony of the Lodge should be the first consideration of both officers and members. If you admit persons into your Sacred Fold who are at variance with any of the members of your Lodge, you then commence the destruction of the work which has taken so much trouble, care and time to build up. Therefore the person elected should not receive the Degrees unless the difficulties can be amicably settled, remembering that peace and harmony are the strength of all institutions.

QUESTION.—Is it the duty of the W. M. to cause all the communications addressed to the Lodge to be read in open Lodge?

ANSWER.—If the W. M. finds the communication of such a nature that it would be improper to have it read before the Lodge, it is his duty to withhold the name.

QUESTION.—Should a Brother state his reason for objecting to a candidate?

ANSWER.—Whatever objections any Brother has to the admission of a member they need not be stated by him. This principle is clearly illustrated and imposed as a duty on members in balloting for candidates.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Six for funerals.

Three for Degrees at a shorter period than called for by the Constitution. Two of the Brethren had to travel from 600 to 1000 miles to take their Degrees and to enable them to make their journey by the desired steamer's trips dispensations were granted, and one was granted for a Brother to complete his Degrees as he was leaving the Province.

CONCLUSION.

Although the Craft in this Province is not increasing in numbers, yet, the material accepted is apparently good. Considering the depression which has prevailed here for the last eight years, it would not be out of place to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the improved condition of the Craft financially; for at the formation of this Grand Lodge we were several hundred dollars in debt; at the present time we are out of debt and have over four thousand dollars out at interest. Several of the subordinate Lodges have fine properties of their own. This speaks louder than words and indicates what our prospects may be when the rich resources of the country shall be developed.

In conclusion, Brethren, I thank you for the advice and assistance that one and all of you have ever been willing to render when called upon, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless and guide us in our deliberations on this present occasion, and that the Craft under this Grand Lodge, with all true Masons, may continue to prosper.

ELI HARRISON,
Grand Master.

On motion, the Address was referred to a Committee of three for comment.

The R.·.W.·. the Deputy Grand Master then appointed the following Committee:

W.·. Archibald R. Muir, proxy for W. M. Ashlar Lodge, No. 3;
" R. B. Kelly, W. M. Union Lodge, No. 9;
V.·.W.·. H. F. Heisterman, P.G.S. Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2.

The V.·.W.·. the Grand Treasurer then submitted his Annual Report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in Session, June 21st. 1879:

The undersigned, your Treasurer, begs leave to report the following transactions of his office for the past year:

DR.		CR.	
1878.		1878.	
Feb. 20—To balance on deposit.....	$527 41	Feb. 20—By cash paid Bro. P. J. Hall, Tyler.....	$ 10 00
Mar. 27— " cash from G. Secretary.	126 50	Feb. 20—By cash paid Alex. Rose, printing circulars.....	6 50
1879.		Mar. 7—By Bro. G. Sect'y, 1 year's salary.....	150 00
Feb. 10—To cash from G. Secretary.	53 50	" 27—By charity, Bro. Simpson .	40 00
May 23— " " "	218 75	" 27— " Trustees Grand Lodge.	69 00
June 9— " " "	111 50	" 30— " G. Sect'y, for sundries.	25 00
" 12— " " "	54 50	Apl. 25— " Welch, Rithet & Co., fire insurance.....	17 70
" 17— " " "	103 50	July 10—By costs of suit Holbrook vs. G. Sect'y Heisterman	101 62
" 19— " " "	308 75	Oct. 30—By charity Bro. Moss.....	25 00
Mar. 27— " " "	45 75	1879.	
		Feb. 7—By Brown & White, for furnishing.....	14 37
		" 7—By Trustees Grand Lodge..	208 55
		Apl. 26— " Insur'ce G.L. furniture.	10 00
		May 23— " Grand Secretary, salary	150 00
		" 27— " sundry stationery and incidentals.....	38 44
		June12—By G. Sect'y, postage, etc..	25 00
		" 20— " balance forward, in Savings Bank, $594 00; in Treasurer's hands, $64 98	658 98
	$1,550 16		$1,550 16
June20—To balance in hand.....	$ 658 98		

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

The V.·.W.·. the Grand Secretary submitted the following Annual Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia:

Your Grand Secretary begs to lay before you his Annual Report (up to November, 1878,) concerning his office.

The total receipts for Grand Lodge Dues for the year ending 1878, are as follows:

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No.	1	.....	$109 37½
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No.	2	.....	157 00
Ashlar "	3	.....	111 50
Cariboo "	4	.....	54 50
Mount Hermon "	7	.....	27 50
Union "	9	.....	53 00
			$512 87½
To this may be added $63 00 dues of Union Lodge for 1877, received after last audit		.....	63 00
Making total receipts since last audit		.....	$575 87½

The printed proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges have been duly received as also pamphlets and periodicals which will be a valuable addition to our library, and I beg to return thanks for the same.

Numerous applications from all quarters have been made for the proceedings of former years of our Grand Lodge, but I have been unable to comply therewith as the few copies printed have been distributed so liberally formerly that I regret to say we have only two or three sets of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge from its formation in our own library.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Dispensations have been granted during the previous Masonic year, viz:

1 to Ashlar Lodge to attend ball in Masonic Regalia, on St. John's Day, in December, 1877.

1 to Victoria Lodge for funeral of Bro. Hearle.

To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge for funerals of Bros. W. E. Wraight, J. G. Vinter, A. Astrico, F. Neufelder.

To the same Lodge to confer Degrees.

It will be observed that the returns do not shew the condition of the Craft to date, although the Grand Lodge meets in June the returns are only sent in up to the previous November.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Cities and Towns.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Died.	Expelled.	Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Members.	Grand Lodge Dues.
1	Victoria Columbia....	Victoria.....	1	1	..	2	8	3	..	....	4	..	..	70	$109 37
2	Vancouver and Quadra	Victoria.....	7	7	4	3	7	1	..	....	3	..	..	86	157 00
3	Ashlar	Nanaimo	2	2	3	1	3	..	..	....	1	1	2	65	111 50
4	Cariboo.....	Barkerville....	2	1	2	..	3	..	..	....	....	..	1	33	54 50
7	Mount Hermon.....	Moodyville...	2	1	1	1	2	..	..	....	2	..	..	14	27 50
9	Union	New Westm'r.	2	2	2	5	..	..	1	....	4	1	4	27	53 00

SUMMARY.

Name of Lodge.	Annual Dues.	Diplomas.	Registration Fees.	Dispensations for Degrees.	Totals.
Victoria Columbia.....	$105 37½		$ 4 00	.....	$109 37½
Vancouver and Quadra.....	129 00	$8 00	20 00	.....	157 00
Ashlar...	97 50	6 00	8 00	.....	111 50
Cariboo	49 50		6 00	.....	54 00
Mount Hermon.	21 00	2 00	4 50	.....	27 50
Union to November, 1877..	40 00	8 00	15 50	.....	63 50
" " 1878..	40 00	4 00	8 50	.....	53 00
					$575 87½

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges.....	6
Whole number initiated in all Lodges.....	16
" " passed " "	14
" " raised " "	12
" " affiliated " "	12
" " demitted " "	23
" " died " "	4
" " suspended for un-Masonic conduct	0
" " " non-payment of dues	14
" " expelled.....	1
" " re-instated.....	0
" " rejected	7
Total number of Masons on Roll	295
Total Receipts from all sources	$575 87½

REPORT OF THE FINANCES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND,

TO NOVEMBER, 1878.

The Secretary of the Benevolent Fund in account current with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, June, 1879:

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

1878.			
May 30,	To 70 members @ 75 cents	$52 50	
"	" 4 " @ 37½ cents	1 50	
"	" 2 affiliations	4 00	
	" 4 demits		
	" 1 died		
	" 1 suspended		
Nov. 30,	" 67 members, @ 75 cents	50 25	
"	" 3 " @ 37½ cents	1 12½	
	" 5 demits		
	" 2 died		
	" 2 suspended		
			$109 37½

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

1878.			
May 30,	To 87 members @ 75 cents	$65 25	
	" 3 raisings @ $5 00 each	15 00	
	" 3 demits		
Nov. 30,	" 86 members @ 75 cents	64 50	
	" 1 raising @ $5 00	5 00	
	" 1 affiliation	2 00	
	" 1 died		
	" 3 suspended		
	" 3 demits		
			$151 75

ASHLAR LODGE, No 3.

1877.			
Nov. 30,	To 61 members @ 75 cents	$45 75	
	" 2 demits		
	" 2 suspensions		
			$45 75

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

1878.			
May 30,	To 14 members @ 75 cents	$10 50	
	" 1 raising	5 00	
	" 2 demits		
	" 3 suspensions		
Nov. 30,	" 14 members @ 75 cents	10 50	
			$26 00

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

1877.			
May 30,	To 25 members @ 75 cents	$18 75	
	" 4 " @ $5 00	20 00	
	" 3 demits		
	" 1 suspension		
Nov. 30,	" 27 members @ 75 cents	20 25	
	" 2 affiliations	4 00	
			$63 00

UND,

the Grand

$109 37½

$151 75

$45 75

$26 00

$63 00

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

1878.			
May 30,	To 27 members @ 75 cents	$20 25	
"	1 "	5 00	
"	4 suspensions		
"	1 expulsion		
Nov. 30,	" 27 members @ 75 cents	20 25	
"	1 "	5 00	
			$50 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 1.

HENRY RHODES,
J. HEARLE.

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA LODGE NO. 2.

W. E. WRAIGHT.

The Board of General Purposes then submitted the following Report, with appendices:

June 19th, 1879.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Board of General Purposes submit their Annual Report for 1878-79, as follows:—

1. At the first meeting of the Board V.·.W.·. Bro. T. Trounce was unanimously re-elected Vice-President and the usual Committees were then appointed.

2. That but one appeal from the action of a subordinate Lodge in expelling a Brother has been brought before the Board; the Board sustained the appeal but the Brother has since been re-instated.

3· The subject of the claims for recognition made by the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba were considered. The Board have thought it advisable that their claims should be decided on in Grand Lodge.

4. That the Board are pleased to be able to report that the Masonic Temple in Victoria has been satisfactorily completed, has been dedicated and is now occupied by Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, and Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 120. The building is now insured for $8,000. By resolution of the Board the property obtained by the Board has been considered as consisting of 600 shares of $20 each, making a total of $12,000 for cost of same. It is a matter of congratulation that the Fraternity generally have so promptly come forward with the necessary funds, and the Board are pleased to be able to state that the whole 600 shares are taken up. A Special Committee was appointed to investigate and report on the financial matters relating thereto, and to arrange for the issuance of the scrip to the Lodges and Brethren subscribing to the erection of the Temple, and the accounts in connection therewith are herewith laid before the Grand Lodge, as also the report of the said Committee. The building has also been handsomely furnished, and the report of the Furnishing Committee is herewith appended. The building of the Temple and its dedication necessitated the holding of two emergency meetings of the Grand Lodge and caused additional labor to the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge.

5. The energy displayed by the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master in forwarding and bringing this matter to a successful issue has been deemed worthy of especial recognition, and was accordingly acknowledged by a vote of thanks by the Board to the Grand Master.

6. The Proceedings of our last Regular Communication, and of the Emergency Meetings of the Grand Lodge for laying the Corner Stone and the dedication of Masonic Temple, and ratification of Amended Constitution, together with the Constitution as amended, have been printed and will be distributed according to customary usage of Grand Lodge.

7. The Board regrets the loss by death of one of its members, the R.·.W.·. D. G. M., and the absence of another member through change of residence. The vacancies thus caused were satisfactorily filled by the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master by the appointment of V.·.W.·. Bro. M. W. Waitt, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, and W.·. Bro. E C. Baker, of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.

8. That the Board recommend that the sum of $15 be paid to Bro. O'Connor and $10 to Bro. Cuniffe, for services in tyling Grand Lodge in full payment to the end of this session.

9. The Interest Account of Building Fund has been made up and the interest apportioned. This account will be laid before Grand Lodge at its present session.

ELI HARRISON, Jr.,
Secretary, B. G. P.

To the President, Vice-President, and Members of the B.·. of G.·. Purposes.

Victoria, 12th June, 1879.

Dear Sirs and Brethren:

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed by your Board to investigate into all circumstances in connection with the building of the new Masonic Temple, from the date of purchasing the lots until the completion of the said building, with instructions to open books, in order to show the Masonic Fraternity how all matters stand in reference thereto, and further to make any suggestions that we might deem necessary or expedient for the general management of said Temple, beg to report as follows:

1. That after much pains and labor we have opened a set of books similar to those in use by Joint Stock Companies, and consisting of: 1 Cash Book, 1 Journal, 1 Ledger, 1 Share Journal, 1 Share Ledger, which books we consider absolutely necessary for the purpose of lucidly explaining the actions of the past as well as to provide for those of the future, and from which the following facts are apparent:

(*a.*) That the lots purchased in 1877 were obtained or secured through the mediation of Bro. Robert Beaven, and are situated on the N.W. corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets, known on the official map as Victoria City Lots Nos. 609 and 610, having a frontage on each of the above named streets of one hundred and twenty feet. (120 feet). The space occupied by the Masonic Temple is 49 feet on Douglas street and 67 feet on Fisgard street, leaving a vacant frontage on Fisgard street of 53 feet, and on Douglas street of 71 feet. The latter space can be divided into three small lots, each with a frontage of 20 feet, two of which might be disposed of to great pecuniary advantage, owing to the increased value of property, if considered necessary at any future time.

The original cost of the lots was $1,750, to which we have to add the taxes, registration, fees, etc., making in the aggregate a total of $1,770, which we will call "Land Account."

(*b.*) The erection of the building was next proceeded with, but owing to many unforeseen difficulties and the unexpected demise of the principal contractor, the completion was not effected as speedily as was originally contemplated. The "foundation stone" was laid by the M.·. W.·. the G.·. M.·. of British Columbia on the 22d April, A.L. 5878, and the building completed and dedicated on the 28th October of the same year; since which date it has been occupied for Masonic purposes by Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, Vancouver-Quadra Lodge No. 2, Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 120 and the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

(*c.*) The building contains the following stores and apartments:

GROUND FLOOR.

Entrance Hall,	22 x 15
Safe for Masonic Records	8 x 3½
Office of Grand Secretary and Board of General Purposes	15 x 12
Store on Fisgard street	46 x 22
Store on Douglas street	41 x 30

Each Store being 16 feet high.

SECOND FLOOR.

Library	15	x 15
Ante Room	20	x 15
Examination Room	10½	x 10
Lodge Room	57	x 30

and in height 27 ft. 6 in.,

besides many Closets, Preparation Room, Organ Gallery, Regalia Rooms, and other conveniences.

(*d.*) The following Schedule of payments will show the entire cost of the building, viz :

W. E. Wraight,	Masonry work	$4512 00
John Bennett	Carpenter work	2745 00
David Heal	Tinsmith work, etc	987 85
W. F. O'Connor	Sidewalk	210 00
Joseph Spratt	Iron work	100 00
Smith & Clarke	Extras to Columns	13 60
Welch, Rithet & Co	Extra risk Insurance	177 50
Eli Harrison, Jr.,	Legal Expenses	50 00
Anderson & Duncan	Extras on Staircase	10 00
W. S. Wraight	Extras on Scaffolding	5 00
Victoria Gas Company	Gas Service, etc.,	49 70
Lettice & Mitchell	Painting	328 00
Jon. Bullen	Placing Curb	35 00
George Kirsop	Curb Stones	187 00
A. C. McKenzie	Government Taxes, 1878,	4 85
Thomas Trounce	Plans, etc.,	100 00
H. F. Heisterman	Commis'n on Collections	140 00
John Teague	Superintendence	456 00
Sundry Persons	Interest on Advances	49 50
M. W. Waitt	Books and Stationery	15 00
Municipal Taxes	To 31st Dec., 1878	17 00
D. W. Higgins	Printing Scrip	20 00
Sundry Petty Expenses, (Contingent)		17 00
		$12,000 00

2. In addition to the preceding, the following sums have been paid for extras and embellishments to the Temple, but have no claim to shares on account of such expenditure, viz :

Organ gallery and tower, paid for by private subscription among members of the Order	$450 00
Stained glass window, presented by Brothers Harrison (Eli Senior) and John Teague,	130 00
Laying the foundation stone and expenses of dedication, etc.	165 00
Furnishing of Masonic Temple, paid for in part by subscription among the members and part by Subordinate Lodges and R. A. Chapter,	2500 00
Work performed and material supplied without fee or reward by the M. W. Grand Master, Eli Harrison, Sen.,	500 00

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For full details of the foregoing expenditure, we beg respectfully to refer your Honorable Board to the reports of the Trustees and the Masonic Furnishing Committee.

3. From the date of occupation of the Temple the following amounts are paid monthly for rent, (i. e. from 1st November, 1878), viz:

Victoria-Columbia Lodge	$20 00
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge	20 00
Columbia Royal Arch Chapter	15 00
Making a total, per, month, of	$55 00

This amount, after deducting expenses of insurance, taxes, etc., will have to be apportioned as a dividend or interest on investment to the Lodges and various Shareholders according to the Shares held by them. From a recent date the store on Fisgard street has been let for storage purposes for the sum of $10 per month, but we venture to hope that not only this store but also that on Douglas street will, at no very distant date, be rented at a sum varying from $15 to $25 per month, thereby increasing the gross revenue to a sum in the vicinity of $90 per month, which may enable us to declare a dividend more in keeping with the early anticipations of the Shareholders, and which at present we regret to say cannot exceed 5½ per cent., i. e. up to 31st December, 1878.

4. In conclusion we would respectfully offer the following suggestions:—(*a.*) That the building be considered as consisting of six hundred (600) shares of $20 each, making a total of $12,000 for cost of same. At the present time there are 583 shares subscribed and paid for, as under :

Individual Members,	275
Grand Lodge, etc., of British Columbia,	198
Victoria-Columbia Lodge,	70
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,	25
Columbia R. A. Chapter,	15

N. B. There is still a balance due by Grand Lodge of $4.10 to complete the 198th share, and 17 shares yet to be disposed of—or a sum of $344.10 yet to be raised and paid in to complete the $12,000 (capital account) before the building is paid for *bona fide* and before the Shareholders can be paid their dividends. (*b.*) In explanation of the foregoing clause we would state that Bro. A. W. Vowell has not yet subscribed the $200 promised by him, neither has Bro. Thomas Pamphlet paid in the $100 for the five shares which still appear against him on the Subscribers' List. (*c.*) The reason of so large an amount still appearing unpaid is accounted for by the fact of the sum of $275 having been disbursed by the Trustees instead of being left to the credit of Interest and Rent Accounts, which jointly form Dividend Account due to Shareholders. [*d.*] We would further suggest that interest be paid to individual Subscribers after the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date of their last payment, as in the case of those who have already been paid 12 months' interest, and further that interest be paid to the various Lodges from the date of occupation of the Temple, i. e. 1st November, 1878, after such rate as nett rev-

enue may yield; that all dividends be payable half-yearly, and all Shareholders be settled with forthwith up to 31st December, 1878. [*e.*] That all shares held by individuals be bought up by the various Lodges, i. e. Victoria-Columbia and Voncouver-Quadra, and become their property as funds become available to accomplish this most desirable object, and in such manner as the Board may direct; provided always that the present Shareholders are willing to part with them. [*f.*] That scrip in the form of that usually issued by Joint Stock Companies be provided and substituted for the temporary receipts held by Shareholders, and no share shall be transferable to any person or persons who is not a member of the Fraternity. [*g.*] That power be vested in some competent person to take charge of all books and documents of said Temple, to collect all revenue accruing, and generally to act as Warden and Agent for the benefit of all concerned in all matters and things connected with said Temple, under the general supervision of the Board and under such regulations as they may deem fit.

We are, dear Sirs and Brethren,

Yours very fraternally,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS.
R. B. McMICKING.
EDGAR CROW BAKER.

MEMO: OF DISBURSEMENTS BY THE MASONIC FURNISHING COMMITTEE:

Paid John Weiler, contract	$644 37	
" M. W. Waitt, Organ	600 00	
" Stewart & Braden, gas fixings	427 85	
" John Bennett, carpenter work	246 38	
" Eli Harrison, painting account	777 70	
" E. B. Marvin, rope, etc	4 50	
" David Heal, tinsmith	10 25	
" Stewart & Braden, telegram	4 47	
" Peter McQuade, supplies	21 88	
" Thomas Inge, transport	17 50	
" Thomas Inge, drayage	8 00	
" W. F. O'Connor, cleaning	25 00	
" Thomas Cuniffe, labor	5 00	
" H. F. Heisterman, library lamp	7 50	
" Smith & Clarke, extras	10 25	
		$2,810 65
Less allowance by M.·.W.·. Grand Master		327 70
Total expenditure		$2,482 95

APPORTIONMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS "VICTORIA COLUMBIA," "VANCOUVER AND QUADRA," AND "COLUMBIA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER."

Total nett disbursements..... $2,482 95

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496 59=1-5th Columbia R. A. Chapter.
993 18=2-5ths Victoria Columbia.
993 18=2-5ths Vancouver and Quadra.

$2,482 95 as under.

Victoria Columbia Lodge, 2-5ths	$993 18	
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, 2-5ths	993 18	
Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, 1-5th	496 59	
		$2,482 95

Cash Memoranda.

McMicking.	Harrison.	Baker.	
$200 00	100 00	$1,489 77	
121 14	85 57	432 50	Collectorate acct.
90 00	4 00	560 68	Collectorate acct.
10 25			
600 00	189 57	$2,482 95	
69 02	1,300 20		
46 38			
10 00	$1,489 77		
103 41			
$1,300 20			

N. B.—Proceeds of the old Organ (when sold) will be placed to the credit of the two Lodges, so that the actual expense will be lessened thereby.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
R. B. McMICKING,
ELI HARRISON, Jr.

Victoria, B. C., 18th June, 1879.

MASONIC INTEREST ACCOUNT, 5 PER CENT., TO JUNE 30, 1879.

			To 31 Dec.	To 30 June.
Robert Laing,	5	Shares,	6 63	2 50
E. C. Neufelder,	5	"	6 52	2 50
Robert Beaven,	10	"	9 04	5 00
W. E. Wraight.	5	"	6 12	2 50
G. Bossi	5	"	5 45	2 50
W. Arthur	5	"	4 84	2 50
F. Williams	5	"	4 84	2 50
T. Preece	10	"	9 68	5 00
M. G. Brown	5	"	4 66	2 50
R. A. Chapter	15	"	14 58	7 50
Carried Forward			72 36	35 00

Brought Forward			72 35	35 00
M. W. Waitt	1	"	0 26	0 50
John Ramsay	5	"	3 95	2 50
John Isbister	5	"	3 27	2 50
P. Ousterhout	5	"	3 25	2 50
R. P. Rithet	5	"	3 25	2 50
W. T. Livock	5	"	3 23	2 50
A. C. Couves	5	"	3 23	2 50
John Teague	5	"	2 78	2 50
P. Manetta	1	"	0 56	0 50
T. Trounce	5	"	2 73	2 50
J. Hearle	5	"	2 73	2 50
A. A. Green	5	"	2 73	2 50
R. B. McMicking	5	"	2 59	2 50
Thomas Shotbolt	5	"	2 45	2 50
W. Harrison, No. 2	5	"	2 45	2 50
E. C. Baker	25	"	12 25	12 50
H. L. Jones	5	"	2 45	2 50
J. H. Todd	5	"	2 45	2 50
Joseph Spratt	5	"	2 27	2 50
Henry Brown	5	"	2 09	2 50
R. T. Williams	5	"	2 09	2 50
W. Keohan	2	"	0 81	1 00
Joseph Loewen	2	"	0 81	1 00
Eli Harrison	5	"	1 90	2 50
J. C. Bales	5	"	1 82	2 50
A. Gilmore	5	"	1 82	2 50
H. Saunders	5	"	1 30	2 50
J. F. Becker	5	"	1 82	2 50
Eli Harrison, Jr	5	"	1 66	2 50
Thomas Dodds	5	"	1 66	2 50
I. Ragazzoni	3	"	0 96	1 50
H. F. Heisterman	5	"	1 58	2 50
George Thomson	5	"	1 58	2 50
P. J. Hall	3	"	0 90	1 50
I. Oppenheimer	5	"	1 53	2 50
John Wilson	5	"	1 50	2 50
A. Astrico	5	"	1 48	2 50
G. A. Sargison	5	"	1 48	2 50
G. Oppenheimer	5	"	1 44	2 50
William Dalby	5	"	1 30	2 50
C. M. Chambers	5	"	1 25	2 50
J. G. Mann	2	"	0 42	1 00
George Kirsop	5	"	1 06	2 50
C. C. McKenzie	2	"	0 31	1 00
W. Harrison, No. 1	2	"	0 26	1 00
G.·. L.·. and B.·. Fund	198	"	95 45	85 65
Victoria-Columbia Lodge,	70	"	85 29	30 30
Vancouver-Quadra "	25	"	30 62	10 80
Lewis Lewis	2	"	0 42	1 00
To 31st December, gross,			$377 85	$271 75
Less paid on account,			49 50	
" Nett payable			$328 35	$328 35
Dividend Account to 30th June, 1879				$600 10

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

Interest due to R. A. Chapter	22 08		
" " Vancouver-Quadra Lodge	41 42		
" " Victoria-Columbia Lodge	115 59		
" " Grand Lodge	181 10		
" " Individuals	239 91		$600 10
DIVIDEND ACCOUNT.—Interest	$110 10		
Rents	490 00		$600 10
" " In hand	133 10		
" Bank	237 00		
" Rents	230 00		$600 10

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT OF LODGES, ETC.

	Dr.	Cr.
Victoria-Columbia, to 30th June,	$ 80 00	$115 59
Vancouver-Quadra, "	100 00	41 42
R. A. Chapter "	30 00	22 08
Due by Spofford "	20 00	
	$230 00	$179 09

SHARES SINCE TAKEN UP—PAR VALUE $20 EACH.

To 31st December,	583 in No.
Grand Lodge	6
M. W. Waitt	1
Joseph Loewen	1
Robert Beaven	2
Thomas Shotbolt	2
John Weiler	2
Eli Harrison, Sen	1
Eli Harrison, Jr.	1
H. F. Heisterman	1
Total	600 No.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Pro. Committee.

Victoria, B. C., 21st June, 1879.

On motion the Report, with appendices, was received and ordered to remain on the table to be discussed *seriatim* and taken up in due course.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be tendered to the several Committees, consisting of the following Brethren:

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE *re* MASONIC TEMPLE:

Bro. Coote M. Chambers,
" Edgar Crow Baker,
" Robert Burns McMicking.

FURNISHING COMMITTEE *re* MASONIC TEMPLE:

Bro. Edgar Crow Baker,
" Robert Burns McMicking,
" Eli Harrison, Jr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *re* MASONIC TEMPLE:

Bro. Edgar Crow Baker,
" Coote M. Chambers,
" Robert Burns McMicking,

for their unceasing efforts in carrying out their respective duties, and by which the whole business of the Masonic Temple has been brought to such a satisfactory termination.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment at 5.30 P. M. on Saturday.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
Saturday, June 21st, 1879, 7.30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge being called to labor the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Eli Harrison, presiding,

The Committee to whom the Address of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master was referred, made the following Report:

TO THE M.·.W.·. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, beg leave to express their satisfaction with the able Address delivered by you, and the true Masonic spirit that pervades the same.

The erection and successful completion of the new Masonic Temple at Victoria, we note with pleasure.

We observe that all the Lodges in the Province have this year been visited either by the R.·.W.·. P.S.G.W. or yourself, and that the Craft in general is prosperous.

Your Committee recommend that your suggestion in regard to the action

adopted by the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of England concerning the Grand Orient of France be adopted.

Your advice in regard to the Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba seems worthy of trial and is certainly Masonic.

The action of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Scotland in requesting this Grand Lodge to refuse recognition to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which is about being formed, seems, to say the least, extraordinary, as thus far we have ourselves received no direct recognition from our venerable Grand Mother, though their application seems to imply it.

The infringement of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Scotland in chartering Lodges within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec seems very reprehensible.

We observe the interchange of Masonic Representatives between this Grand Lodge and the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Wyoming. Vermont, Idaho, Indian Territory, Missouri, California, and the German Grand Lodge Zur Sonne Beireuth.

The establishment of a Masonic Mutual Life Assurance Association seems certainly deserving of further enquiry, and adoption if found feasible.

We regret to see that death has removed six of our Brethren since the last Communication.

The withdrawal of Ashlar Lodge from the Benevolent and Orphans' Fund we note regretfully, but trust that those Funds will still continue to grow as heretofore, so that the results you augur therefrom may be realized.

The dispensation of charity to Bro. Wm. Moss is quite in harmony with our teachings.

The Masonic decisions rendered by you, we recommend to have placed on record as decisions of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

We hope that the good augury you entertain of the future of this Province will be consummated, and that Masonry in this Jurisdiction will prosper with it.

In conclusion we express our gratification at the very able address delivered by you, and hope that you may long enjoy health to preside over the Craft in this Province.

H. F HEISTERMAN,
R. B. KELLY,
A. C MUIR,
Committee.

On motion the report was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

The report of the Audit Committee was then read, which on motion was received and ordered to be filed.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 20, 1879.

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

BRETHREN,—We, the undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that

we have this day examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and found them correct in every respect. The manner in which the books are kept shows great care and diligence, and are evident proofs of the efficiency of those officers.

Respectfully submitted,

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,
R. B. McMICKING.

W.·. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works, presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky which were read by the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary. The W.·. Brother was then received with Grand Honors and requested by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master to take a seat on the Dais.

V.·.W.·. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, P. G. Secretary, presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne, at Beireuth, Germany, which were read by the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary. The V.·.W.·. Brother was then received with Grand Honors and requested by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to take a seat on the Dais.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated 7th March, 1878, was then read, in reference to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and on motion referred to the Board of General Purposes to take the necessary action.

The following communications were then read, and, on motion, received and ordered to be filed, viz:

28th April, 1879, E. S. Hunt, Treasurer Zion Chapter R. A., No. 24;
15th May, " " " " "
26th " " " " " "
Oct. 5th, 1878, Bros. Charles C. Bartlett and J. A. Kuhn, Hall of Port Townsend, No. 6.
23rd Dec. 1878. Sydney, New South Wales, from James S. Famell, Grand Master (alleged.)

A petition from Union Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M. of this jurisdiction, dated June, 1879, in reference to their Cemetery, and signed by Bros. Jno. S. Clute, T. W. Gray, W. Howay, Committee, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes, with full power to act therein.

A communication from Arthur J. Simpson, Sessional Clerk of the House of Commons, dated Ottawa, 7th April, 1879, in reference to the whereabouts of Brother John B. Hyndman, was read. The Grand Secretary explained that he had answered the same, regretting that the Brethren of this jurisdiction could not throw any light on the matter. Action endorsed and letter ordered to be filed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken up and, on motion, considered clause by clause:

1st Clause passed as read.
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "
6th " "
7th " "
8th " "
9th " "

On motion the report of the Board was adopted in its entirety.

The hour having arrived for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers R.·.W.·. Bro. C. Thorne, W.·. Bros. W. T. Livock and R. B. McMicking, when the Grand Lodge proceeded to the performance of that duty with the following result:

M.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously re-elected M.·.W.·. Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Coote M. Chambers, of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was elected R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Henry Brown, of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was elected R.·.W.·. Senior Grand Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was elected R.·.W.·. Junior Grand Warden.

V.·.W.·. Rev. H. H. Mogg, of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was re-elected V.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain.

V.·.W.·. Bro. M. W. Waitt, of Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, was re-elected V.·.W.·. Grand Treasurer.

V.·.W.·. Edgar Crow Baker, of Victoria-Columbia, No. 1, was elected V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary.

Wm. Francis O'Connor, of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was elected Grand Tyler.

On motion the foregoing elections were declared unanimous.

The following Brethren were then elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year:

W.·. Bro.	Thomas Trounce,	Victoria-Columbia,	No. 1.	
"	Thos. Shotbolt,	"	"	"
"	W. T. Livock,	"	"	"
"	R. B. McMicking,	Vancouver-Quadra,	No. 2.	
"	R. Beaven,	"	"	"
"	H. F. Heisterman,	"	"	"

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment at 10 P. M. on Saturday.

In Grand Lodge.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION,
Sunday, June 22nd, 10 A. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, when the M.·.W.·. Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge, in conjunction with Subordinate Lodges, had met on this occasion for the purpose of attending Divine Service as a Masonic Fraternity. A procession was formed in the following order:

Visiting Brethren,
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2,
Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1,
The M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge,

and marched to Christ Church Cathedral, where the following eloquent sermon was preached by the V.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain, Bro. H. H. Mogg:

SERMON

Preached on Second Sunday in Trinity, June 22d, A.L. 5879, before the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, by Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain.

1 John iii. 18 : "*Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*"

Now, as it has ever been, the world may roughly be divided into two great sections—the real and the sham—those who profess and do not, and those who carry out their professions. So universal and apparent is the existence of this division of humanity, that it may be observed by the most casual. Far back, in the infancy of the world's history, it is noticeable. The bliss of the Garden of Eden is lost to man by the first sin. Man is turned away from the averted face of his Creator, and his sons bring us face to face with the fact, Cain and Abel being examples of unreality and reality. As the history progresses, as mankind increases, examples rapidly thicken, ever the one or the other. Dim indeed may be the page of history, yet the character of reality stands out in bold relief, so that we fail not to perceive it. It is reality of life that marks David the Shepherd of Bethlehem. So too, the Patriarch Jacob. Follow him through that wondrous night, when he struggled with his heavenly visitant, and would not let him go till he had received the blessing. What reality of purpose is here ! But if the Patriarchal age and Jewish church provide us with examples, how much more the Christian? A St. Peter full of impetuous zeal; a St. Paul real in the distinctest sense of the word; a St. John full of reality—here are men living up to the profession of their lives. On the other hand might be held up for notice those unreal characters of history whose lives at times appear even to darken the periods in which they appear. But leaving the past, come to the present. The Christian world of to-day

is proof of what I say. There are, it is true, faithful members and followers of Jesus, the son of Mary; but besides these, in this age of enlightenment, what do we find? Are all true? Not so. There are lying Christians, immoral Christians, blaspheming Christians, evil-speaking Christians. Yet turn to the rules of life as set forth by the Book of the Sacred Law, and there it is made evident what a Christian's profession is. "He rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth," is the rule for the Corinthian Church in particular and the whole world in general to observe. "Keep thyself pure," is the command from St. Paul to St. Timothy, his son in the faith. "Swear not at all," is the Divine Master's precept. "Speak not evil one of another," are the words that fall from the Apostle St. James. How evident then is it that the outward name describes not always the inward heart! These are not Christians in reality who are thus continuing to live in sin. Well are they judged by the severe reproof of God's word: "He is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is that circumcision which is outwardly in the flesh only, but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and the true circumcision is that of the heart." Thus, too, is it with the Society gathered together this morning to whom I am called upon especially to address myself, the Royal Order of Masons—spread far and wide throughout the known world, tracing its history from remote ages, having accomplished with its vast resources an amount of practical charity that astounds one when considered—yet here also, as in every other Society of humanity, is the deceptive sentimentalist as well as the sincere operative. Yes! Brethren, let me speak plainly to you as a Mason in language unmistakable. Within this Society, bound together by ties which should indeed produce practical worth of life, are to be found those who call themselves what they really are not. They call themselves Masons, when, behold, they are strangers to all the virtues of Masonry, and are no more Masons in reality than Judas the traitor was at heart an apostle of Christ. But because it is thus—because, as they were not all Jews who called themselves of Israel, as they are not all Christians who

bear the name of Christians, because there are some Masons false to their obligations, yet this is no true stigma upon Masonry. Where is the mind so illogical, so illiberal as to judge it otherwise? Shall the unseemly conduct of one, ten, or even one hundred be a true cause of reproach against a profession or community? God forbid! If so, then the English law must be despised, because there are to be found pettyfogging attorneys and rapacious barristers. The profession of medicine must be condemned b cause of ignorant pretenders who poison instead of cure. The whole system of business must be reckoned as one of sharping, because there are those who *will* deceive and cheat to get gain. No! these blots on the fair surface of our Order detract not from the worth of the Order itself. Those who make use of such arguments to condemn the system are but feeble arguers. Little better are those who despise and slander the craft because of its secrecy. Let me assure you from this sacred place, should any be here thus prejudiced, that in its secrecy there is nothing from the beginning to the end that has not the only object—to make a man love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the King. Based upon the three great virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity, it reiterates the words of St. Paul, "The greatest of these is Charity." Charity, or love, as the original may be translated, for the same word *agape* is used for both, brought about by unity. Now, because this unity may possess secrecy, surely it must be allowed that no mystery can can be the cause of any material defect to the unity. May it rather add to its perfection and excellence? Look to the eternal Godhead! Incomprehensible is the mystery of the unity of the three Persons, we cannot understand it—it is beyond us, far beyond. One might as well try hold in the minutest shell of the sea-shore the waters of the oceans as understand the mystery of the Godhead. But because incomprehensible the cause, are we to condemn the unity? Surely not. Turn to nature; mystery of unity of design and working arrests us at every step, and we condemn not. So does not the secrecy of our union in any respect authorize those ignorant of the mystery to condemn the brotherhood.

This idea of brotherhood ! Oh, how vast is the lesson taught us ! A lesson not to Masons alone, but to one and all. Brethren of one family, bound together by the ties of Sonship—children of God, purchased by the One Blood—members of Christ, guided by the directing power of the One Spirit, whereby we realize our sonship and cry Abba Father! But, brethren of the Order, we who at mature age, of our free will, bound ourselves by solemn oaths and obligations at our initiation, how sincerely, how deeply should we feel the necessity of loving the brotherhood. If, after this, as *Masons* we are not brethren, as *men* we are worse than the worst of men. Let me plead with your souls this morning that you show yourselves worthy the name of our Order by a life of good works—for remember we may become Masons, we may boast of its secrecy, its science and its morals ; we may put on its regalia with its various colors, we may ornament ourselves with its jewelry—all in vain, all worthless trash if our religion is destitute of love to God and charity to our fellow creatures. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue ; but in deed and in truth." If there be not this love of the brethren, away with Masonic pretensions ! They are as tinkling cymbals. And who can wonder that those outside ridicule and condemn sometimes, when it can be said that the Fraternity does not always teach such brotherly love; when instead of being compacted firmly together, we are to some extent distant and estranged, there being some who care not much for the progress of Masonry and who will not exert themselves to aid its onward course, so that it may become a Society deeply respected in this our Colony. "Deeply respected !" I fancy I hear some saying, "how can this be as long as Masons blaspheme, as long as Masons are immoral, as long as they are drunkards?" Yes ! I will still repeat, "deeply respected." Brother Masons, it rests with you, one and all. Each has his work to do. Take the erring brother and lead him gently into a nobler, a purer life, having a care first to cleanse your own souls from sin that with clearness of vision you may behold the speck in your brother's eye. And if after

repeated trials they still are unworthy, away with them from the Order! they do it harm and bring reproach. Ere we part this morning, I call upon you all before the Eternal God, at whose word the foundations of the world were laid, to remember the solemn obligations that are binding upon you as members of the Order, and putting your trust in God through Christ earnestly to strive to obey them even until the solemn hour of death.

After Divine Service the procession was re-formed and returned to the Masonic Temple, when Grand Lodge was again called from labor to refreshment at 1.30 P. M.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
Monday, 23rd June, 7.30 P. M.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master on the Throne. Officers and Masters present as on Saturday and Sunday.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master elect, then announced the following appointments of other Grand Lodge Officers for the year:

W.·. Bro.	R. B. McMicking,	W. M.	No. 2.	Grand	Senior Deacon.
" "	T. Shotbolt.....	P. M.	No. 1,	"	Junior "
" "	T. Trounce..	"	"	"	Supt. of Works.
" "	W. T. Livock	"	"	"	Director of Ceremonies
" "	W. Stewart.....	W. M.	No. 3,	"	Marshal.
" "	R. B Kelly.....	"	No. 9,	"	Sword Bearer.
" "	P. W. Swett.....	"	No. 7,	"	Standard Bearer.
" "	J. Andrews	S. W.	No. 1,	"	Organist.
" "	R. Beaven	"	No. 2,	"	Pursuivant.
" "	Rennie.....			"	Stewards.
" "	Brown				
" "	Milne				
" "	J. Teague.....				

The R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master elect, Coote M. Chambers, next proceeded with the installation of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master elect, Bro. Eli Harrison, who having been

already obligated, was invested, installed and proclaimed in the South, West and East Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

The following elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge were invested and installed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master :

R.·.W.·.	Coote M. Chambers	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Henry Brown	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Eli Harrison, Jr	Junior " "
V.·.W.·.	Rev. H. H. Mogg	Grand Chaplain.
"	M. W. Waitt	" Treasurer.
"	Edgar Crow Baker	" Secretary.
W.·.	R. B. McMicking	" Senior Deacon.
"	T. Shotbolt	" Junior "
"	T. Trounce	" Supt. of Works.
"	W. T. Livock	" Director of Ceremonies
"	W. Stewart *	" Marshal.
"	R. B. Kelly	" Swordbearer.
"	P W. Swett *	" Standardbearer.
"	J. Andrews *	" Organist.
"	R. Beaven	" Pursuivant.
"	W. Rennie *	" Steward.
"	J. Brown *	" "
"	A. R. Milne	" "
"	J. Teague *	" "
"	W. Francis O'Connor	" Tyler.

* Not present at installation.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. C. Thorne, P.S.G.W., the following resolution was put, seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain, and unanimously carried, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of British Columbia deeply regrets that the Grand Orient of France has departed from the ancient landmarks of our Order, by erasing from her Constitution, in ignoring the name of God, and not requiring a belief in Deity as a pre-requisite for initiation, and further does hereby express its indignation at the course pursued by that Grand Orient, and now severs all relations that have heretofore existed between this Grand Lodge and said Grand Orient until such time as she shall acknowledge the

Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and otherwise act and abide by the ancient usages of our honorable Fraternity to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Orient of France.

On motion by R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr., J. G. Warden, and duly seconded, the following motion was put and carried nem. con.: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be accorded to V.·.W.·. the Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain, for the very eloquent and appropriate sermon delivered by him on Sunday, the 22d instant, and that the same be fully embodied in the printed proceedings of this session.

It was moved by the R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Coote M. Chambers, That the printed proceedings of last session and Emergency meetings of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes for correction by the Committee on Printing before being distributed in the customary manner; and further that the proceedings of this session be printed and embodied in the same. Upon being seconded it was put and carried unanimously.

On motion of the Past Grand Secretary the date of Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges being sent into the office of the Grand Secretary shall be extended from the 1st day of November to the 28th day of February in each year, which was seconded, put and unanimously carried.

It was moved by the R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, That the annual sum of $150 be voted as salary for the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary for the year ending June, 1880. Seconded, put and carried.

The labors of this Communication being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, with solemn prayer by the V.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m.

OFFICERS:

T. R. Mitchell, W. M.,
Edgar C. Baker, S. W.,
J. Adrews, J. W.,
C. Thorne, Treasurer,
C. C. McKenzie, Secretary,
H. H. Mogg, Chaplain,
J. Teague, S. D.,
J. Wilson, J. D.,
R. Plummer, D. of C.,
R. Laing, T. Preece, } Stewards,
J. McNerney, I. G.,
T. Cuniff, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. J. Southgate,
J. F. McCreight,
I. Ragazzoni,
F. Williams,
C. Thorne,
Hy. Nathan,
G. Thomson,
T. Shotbolt,
W. R. Clarke,
W. Harrison, No. 2,
Hy. Brown,
T. Trounce,
J. Weiler,
W. T. Livock.

MASTER MASONS:

B. D. Acland,
R. H. Alexander,
J. Andrews,
W. Arthur,
E. C. Baker,
G. Bossi,
J. Bray,
R. Brodrick,
A. C. Couves,
F. Culliton,
T. Cuniff,
J. P. Davies,
T. Dodds,
W. Evans,
S. T. Franklyn,
W. Harrison, No. 1,
D. W. Higgins,
J. T. Howard,
J. H. Innes,
H. L. Jones,
R. Keeler,
S. L. Kelly,
R. Laing,
H. S. Langton,
T. D. Lindsay,
J. Loewen,
H. McKay,
C. C. McKenzie,
J. McNerney,
H. H. Mogg,
U. Nelson,
J. Nicholson,
T. Pamphlet,
A. Phillips,
T. Preece,
A. R. Robertson,
J. J. Robinson,
E. J. Salmon,
H. Saunders,
S. Stockam,
J. Strahan,
J. Teague,
W. Trickey,
J. Wilson.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

I. Tod,
W. Simpson.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

G. Blenkinsop,
E. Lenz,
J. Robson,
J. Burt,

DIED:

R. Burnaby, P. G. M., J. Hearle, Henry Rhodes.

DEMITTED:

M. Coates, E. M. Brown, R. Foster.
C. W. Horth, J. J. Austin, W. J. Maslen.
J. C. Bales, I. Isbister,

SUSPENDED:

T. Cock, F. G. Richards, D. Shade.
P. A. R. Olsen,

VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m.

OFFICERS:

R. B. McMicking, W. M.,
R. Beaven, S. W.,
G. J. Clarke, J. W.,
C. M. Chambers, Secretary,
J. F. Becker, Treasurer,
A. R. Milne, S. D.,

D. H. Ross, J. D.,
J. G. Vinter, D. of C.,
J. G. Mann, I. G.,
T. Cuniff, } Tylers.
W. F. O'Connor, }

PAST MASTERS:

R. H. Adams, W. Dalby, P. Oasterhout,
S. Duck, C. M. Chambers, M. W. Waitt,
E. Harrison, J. A. Grahame, W. B. Wilson,
E. Harrison, Jr., H. B. W. Aikman, H. F. Heisterman,
A. Astrico, J. G. Vinter, R. B. McMicking.

MASTER MASONS:

G. Oppenheimer, L. Lewis, J. Finlayson,
I. Oppenheimer, P. Steele, W. Morrison,
C. Astrico, W. T. Louttit, R. Wood,
W. F. O'Conner, W. Scott, J. Flett,
C. F. Houghton, J. B. Lovell, J. G. Mann,
R. L. Purvis, J. Spratt, R. T. Williams,
G. W. Haynes, J. C. Callbreath, G. Frye,
Geo. Rudlin, P. Manetta, J. Williams,
R. Beaven, J. Stirtan, C. E. Fox,
J. Jessop, T. G. Moody, J. McCully,
W. Robinson, G. A. Sargison, W. B. Wilson,
F. J. Barnard, J. Madden, A. Gilmore,
J. Johnston, J. H. Turner, J. McLennan,
J. M. Rodgers, J. Dorman, H. Wharton,
J. Batchelor, W. Marshall, J. Goodacre,
T. Inge, C. Taylor, R. J. McDonnell,
J. Ramsay, J. Davies, J. McLean,
J. Bryden, T. Martin, D. Gutmann,
J. Kriemler, J. S. Drummond, A. J. McMillan,
R. P. Rithet, J. A. Mara, P. J. Hall,
F. Campbell, A. W. Vowell, R. MacIver,
G. Kirsop, T. Ennor, W. Haynes,
D. H. Ross, A. R. Milne, F. Neufelder.
H. M. Cohen,

FELLOW CRAFT:

J. Willis.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

H. Rudolph, G. Hardisty.

DIED:

W. E. Wraight.

DEMITTED:

W. Fraser, I. W. Powell, P.G.M., J. L. Phillips,
D. Kurtz, S. F. McIntosh, C. B. Sweeney,
W. A. Robertson.

SUSPENDED:

C. E. Anderson, J. Clapperton, W. Sinclair.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Communication held on the first Saturday in each month, at 8 p.m.

OFFICERS:

S. Drake, W. M.,
A. C. Muir, S. W.,
E. B. McKay, J. W.
J. A. Abrams, Secretary,
J. W. Stirton, Treasurer,
H. Maguire, S. D.,
R. O. Beck, J. D.,
W. Stewart, D. of C.,
J. T. Manly, } Stewards.
J. Trumper. }
D. Davis, I. G.,
J. Mahrer, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

W. Stewart, J. Renwick,
M. Bate, J. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

A. Mayer, C. N. Young, C. Colmer,
J. S. Smith, W. A. Horne, J. Tamblyn,
A. C. Muir, A. Easson, H. Ross,
J. Sabiston, J. A. Carstairs, J. Rodello,
J. Dick, J. Neill, M. B. Clark,
G. Baker, J. Brown, J. Gillespie,
W. McCulloch, R. Williams, C. N. Westwood,
F. D. Little, J. Puetz, W. J. Hurst,
G. L. Bevilockway, A. S. Gill, C. Bennie,
P. Martin, N. Buckley, A. Cowie,
J. Webb, J. Stewart, R. Craig,
D. Harris, R. Aitken, T. Miller,
E. Quennell, T. Lindsay, R. K. McLachlan,
J. Harris, W. M. Flewitt J. Patterson,
A. G. Horne, W. B. Cowling, T. Barlow,
W. Davidson, H. Maguire, T. H. Williams,
J. Frain.

ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Thomas Pickens.

DIED:

Robert Burnaby, P. G. M., (Hon.)

DEMITTED:

M. McKenzie. M. Burns, S. B. Hamilton.

SUSPENDED:

A. J. Fenney.

RESTORED:

F. D. Little.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Saturday in each month, at 7:30 p.m.

OFFICERS:

J. Nutt, W. M.,
A. Lindsay, S. W.,
J. VanVolkenburg, J. W.,
J. C. Devlin, Secretary,
S. A. Rogers, Treasurer,
H. McDermott, S. D.,
T. Harding, J. D.,
J. Valette, I. G.,
C. Paulsen, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. S. Thompson, W. Stevenson, J. Nutt.

MASTER MASONS:

J. Reed,
J. Jerrold,
B. Van Volkenburg,
D. McNaughten,
J. Bruce,
A. Hoffman,
G. Byrnes,
W. G. Goodson.
E. Pearson,
R. Deighton,
J. Williams,
J. H. St. Laurent.
W. Tucker,
J. Stone,
D. Ercole,
W. A. Johnson,
W. Rennie,
J. McMillan,
W. Hosford,
A. McKenzie,
M. Wolfe,
P. Glendenning.

DEMITTED:

E. C. Neufelder, J. C. Devlin, W. Allan.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

BURRARD INLET, B. C.

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